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Truss announces exit; U.K. to get its 3rd PM in three months

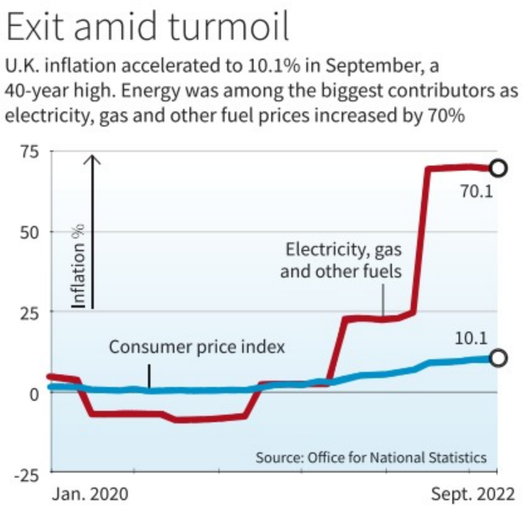
- 'I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected'
- A 'leadership election' will be completed next week, she says
- Reports say that former PM Boris Johnson is planning a comeback

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Britain is about to get its third Prime Minister in three months, with Prime Minister Liz Truss, who faced growing pressure from Conservative MPs, announcing that she will quit the post. Ms. Truss's budgetary plans, at the heart of which were unfunded tax cuts, had deeply rattled markets and led to the replacement of the Chancellor only days ago.

Speaking from behind a lectern outside No.10 Downing Street, where only 45 days ago she had stood, having just been appointed Prime Minister by the late Queen Elizabeth II, Ms. Truss announced her decision to a country that has been through a summer and early autumn of political chaos and economic turmoil.

Short term: Truss makes statement outside 10 Downing Street. AFP



The outgoing Prime Minister said she had come into office at a time of significant international and economic instability, with families and businesses worried about how they would pay their bills. She said she was elected by the Conservative Party with a mandate to fix the "low growth" that was holding the U.K. back, by lowering taxes and returning to high growth.

"I recognise though given this situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative Party," she said, adding that she had spoken to King Charles III and informed him of her intent to resign as leader of the party.

Ms. Truss also announced that she had met with Sir Graham Brady, who is the Chairman of the powerful 1922 Committee, on Thursday morning, and they had decided that a "leadership election" will be "completed in the next week". The 1922 Committee is a group of backbench MPs that meets twice weekly when the House of Commons is in session and whose support is crucial for Ms. Truss.

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Competition panel imposes ₹1,338-cr. penalty on Google

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Thursday imposed a ₹1,337.76-crore penalty on Google for "abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android mobile device ecosystem".

Issuing a "cease and desist" order, the CCI also directed Google to modify its conduct within a timeline. It added that original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) should not be forced to pre-install a bouquet of applications.

The matter pertains to the Android operating system (OS) acquired by Google in 2005. The CCI examined various practices of Google with respect to its licensing and various proprietary mobile applications, including Play Store, Google Search, Google Chrome, YouTube, etc.

Five relevant markets in India – for licensable OS for smart mobile devices, app store, general web search services, non-OS specific mobile web browsers and online video hosting platform – were delineated for the purpose.

During the inquiry, Google argued about the "competitive constraints being faced from Apple" in terms of the respective OS ecosystems. The CCI noted that Apple's business was primarily based on a vertically integrated smart device ecosystem that focused on sale of high-end smart devices.

"Whereas Google's business was found to be driven by the ultimate intent of increasing users on its platforms so that they interact with its revenue earning service i.e., online search which directly affects sale of online advertising services by Google," the CCI said in a statement.

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Work begins on R.R. Nagar junction flyover

BENGALURU
Months after the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Rajarajeshwarinagar flyover, the BBMP has started the work.

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Dialysis patients affected by strike

BENGALURU
Over 4,000 renal patients undergoing dialysis in 122 government-run units across the State were affected on Thursday following a protest by employees of the units.

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State to promulgate Ordinance for increasing reservation for SCs, STs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Law Minister confident of getting favourable ruling in the court in case the Cabinet decision is challenged

The State government has decided to promulgate an Ordinance for increasing reservation for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) from 15% to 17%, and for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) from 3% to 7%.

Briefing mediapersons after a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the Cabinet decided to promulgate an Ordinance for increasing reservation for SCs and STs.

The file on reservation would be submitted to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for his assent.

The hike in reservation would benefit 103 communities among the SCs and 56 communities among the STs.

The Minister expressed confidence of getting a favourable ruling in the court in case the Cabinet decision was challenged.

The Cabinet decided to increase the quota based on a report of a committee led by retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das, which recommended increasing reservation for SCs from 15% to 17%, and for STs from 3% to 7%.

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Yellow alert in city; rain forecast till Sunday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for Bengaluru till Friday, and forecast that the city will continue to receive rain till Sunday.

The city received 60.5 mm of rainfall on October 19-20 night, resulting in inundated roads and damage to property. From October 1 till October 20, the city received 311.5 mm of rainfall.

For the next 48 hours, IMD forecast a generally cloudy sky over Bengaluru. A few spells of rain or thundershowers are very likely. The maximum temperature is likely to be around 29 degrees Celsius and the minimum around 19 degrees Celsius.

Under water: A worker shifts goods from a flooded shop after heavy rain in Bengaluru, on Thursday. PTI

Light to moderate rain is expected in most places in South-Interior Karnataka and at many places over coastal Karnataka and North-Interior Karnataka.

"Heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Davangere, Hassan, Kodagu, Mandya, Mysuru, Ramanagaram, and Shivamogga districts of South-Interior Karnataka," the IMD said in a statement.

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₹1,500-crore proposal for SWD work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday, in principle, agreed to clear a ₹1,500-crore proposal for undertaking works related to storm-water drains (SWD) in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits.

Puneeth Rajkumar to be conferred Karnataka Ratna

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kannada film actor the late Puneeth Rajkumar, who died in 2021, will be conferred the Karnataka Ratna award posthumously, on November 1, Kannada Rajyotsava or the State's formation day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday.

Puneeth Rajkumar died on October 29, 2021. He will be the 9th recipient of the State's highest civilian honour.

Puneeth Rajkumar

The venue
Mr. Bommai chaired a meeting on the matter and decided to hold the award presentation ceremony on the steps of the Vidhana Soudha on November 1 at 4 p.m.

The late matinee idol Rajkumar, father of Puneeth, had been honoured with the Karnataka Ratna award in 1992.

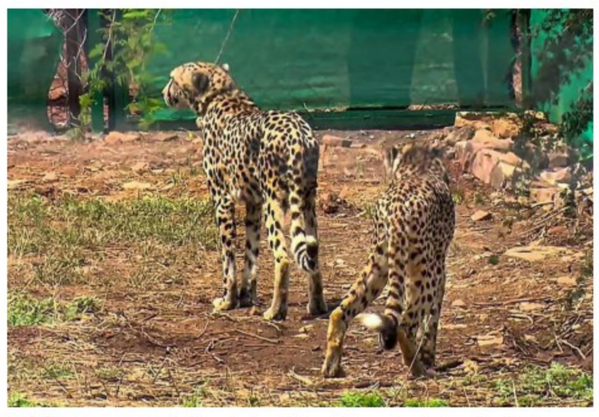
'Bringing African cheetahs to India an ill-advised move'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Eight wildlife scientists have raised concerns over the Central government's move to introduce African cheetahs in India.

The scientists, in an article titled 'Introducing African cheetahs to India is an ill-advised conservation attempt', published in *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, said that there are unknown ecological, disease-related and genetic risks involved in replacing Asiatic cheetahs with the larger cheetahs from southern Africa.

From Namibia
Last month, eight cheetahs from Namibia were airlifted to India and released in the Kuno National Park by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Raising concerns: A file photo of Namibian cheetahs after being released inside a special enclosure of the Kuno National Park.

Arjun M. Gopalaswamy, Femke Broekhuis, Leili Khalatbari, Michael G.L. Mills, Ravi Chellam, David Thuo, Abi Tamim Vanak, and K. Ullas Karanth, the authors of the article, said that India's plan is based on three unsubstantiated claims – that cheetahs have run out of space in Africa; that India currently has sufficient and suitable space for them; and that conservation translocations have been successful in wild cheetah range restoration efforts.

"The action plan appears to have substantially overestimated cheetah carrying capacity in the first

There are unknown ecological, disease-related and genetic risks involved in replacing Asiatic cheetahs with the larger African cheetahs, say experts

release site (Kuno National Park), which is unfenced, harbouring about 500 feral cattle and surrounded by a forested landscape with 169 human settlements. Neither Kuno nor the other landscapes considered are of the size and quality to permit self-sustaining and genetically viable cheetah populations," the authors said.

Dr. Gopalaswamy, the lead author of the article, said that the government plan ignores crucial scientific findings from important, recent demographic studies on free-ranging cheetahs. "This can prove to be a costly mistake because the cheetah carrying capacities assumed in the plan relies entirely on projections made from a single, likely flawed, density estimate from Namibia from over a decade ago. We have already seen that despite massive investments made in counting tigers at a country-wide scale, on account of taking a similarly truncated view of abundance estimation science, India's recent, official claims of doubling tiger numbers over a 12-year period quickly became scientifically indefensible," Dr. Gopalaswamy said.

He added that it was advisable to prepare a completely revised, rigorous, fully science-based action plan if India were to proceed with the idea of introducing cheetahs in the future.

Dr. Karanth, co-author of the article, said that a project such as this requires genuine consultations and collaboration with the best intellectual capacity in the country. However, it was simply not harnessed, he said.

"As a result, this expensive, poorly conceived plan has no chance of establishing a viable self-sustaining population of free-ranging cheetahs – a vision which has been eloquently articulated by the Indian Prime Minister. It is likely to fail given the severe constraints of habitat quality and socio-economic pressures. Because the project chose to put 'the cart before the horse', it may end up as just another fenced-in zoo," he said.

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DefExpo 2022 breaks previous record in terms of business

1.53 In ₹ lakh crore, the worth of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements signed during the Defence Expo (DefExpo) at Gandhinagar, according to a senior official. As many as 451 MoUs were signed in the 12th edition of DefExpo. Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar said that the event had broken previous records of business generation. PTI

Army increasing surveillance along the LAC with China

1,000 The number of surveillance copters procured by the Indian Army along with 80 mini remotely piloted aircraft systems, to bolster its surveillance apparatus along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, according to officials. They stated that the current situation along the borders warrants seamless surveillance. PTI

Penalty imposed on Google for unfair business practices

1,337 In ₹ crore, the penalty imposed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Google for abusing its dominant position in the Android mobile device ecosystem. In a release, CCI also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline. The trade regulator had ordered a detailed probe into the matter in April 2019. PTI

New subscribers added to retirement fund body EPFO

16.94 In lakh, the number of new subscribers added to the retirement fund body, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in August 2022, registering a 14.4% rise compared to the year-ago period, according to official data. Of the total members added this August, 9.87 lakh came under the EPFO for the first time. PTI

Students accept colleges allotted by DU's first merit list

60,863 The number of candidates who accepted courses and colleges allotted in the first merit list released by Delhi University (DU). All the 70,000 seats for its undergraduate programmes are expected to be filled in the first list. Including reserved seats, a total of 80,164 seats were allocated. PTI

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Saving the vultures of Tamil Nadu

Which regions of the State have vulture populations? What are the reasons for the decline in vulture numbers? Are they man-made or natural? What steps do experts recommend in order to save the four species found in the State? What are the measures being taken by the State government?

EXPLAINER

Rohan Premkumar

The story so far:

On October 19, the Tamil Nadu government formed a committee to set up an institutional framework for the effective conservation of vultures. The State is home to four species of vultures – the white-rumped vulture (Gyps bengalensis), long-billed vultures (Gyps indicus), the Asian king-vulture (Sarcogyps calvus) and the Egyptian vulture (Neophron percnopterus).

Which areas in Tamil Nadu have vulture populations?

While there have been reported sightings of vultures in other districts including Dharmapuri; essentially the Nilgiris, Erode and Coimbatore districts are believed to form one of the largest contiguous expanses where vultures are spotted. Home to the nesting sites of three of the four species of vultures seen in the State, the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, parts of the Nilgiris forest division and the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve are crucial strongholds for the vultures in southern India. Occasional migrants such as the Himalayan griffon vulture and the Cinerous vulture are also spotted each year. Tamil Nadu boasts the largest population of vultures south of the Vindhiya Mountain Range.

In the Nilgiris, researchers and forest department officials estimate that there are between 100 and 120 white-rumped vultures, 10 and 15 long-billed vultures and less than 10 Asian king vultures. Though Egyptian vultures are spotted in the Sigur plateau, encompassing the Nilgiris and Erode districts, they are not believed to use the landscape to breed, while researchers still remain unsuccessful in tracing the breeding sites of the critically endangered Asian king-vulture.

Are vulture numbers decreasing?

While the population of the vultures in the Nilgiris, Erode and Coimbatore districts has remained largely stable, experts state that the numbers are still extremely low, and that even a single poisoning event could lead to several of the species going locally extinct, especially the long-billed and Asian king vulture. Over the last few years, breeding seasons have also seen fewer hatchings than is the norm, with experts attributing the cause to lesser availability of prey as well as erratic weather.

Experts also agree that the use of some Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) to treat cattle, such as diclofenac, nimesulide, ketoprofen among others, has led to the crash in vulture populations across India.

Casual meeting: White-rumped and long-billed vultures spotted in Sigur in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve buffer zone. SATHYAMOORTHY M

What role do vultures play in the local ecosystem?

As scavengers, vultures help prevent the spread of many diseases and can remove toxins from entering the environment by consuming carcasses of dead cattle/wildlife before they decompose. Unfortunately, their tolerance for harmful substances does not extend to man-made drugs.

What are the challenges which impact vultures in the State?

There are multiple. For one, temple tourism in the Sigur plateau is centred primarily around vulture habitats, such as Siriyur, Anaikatty and Bokkapuram. Over the last few years, there have been recorded instances of vultures abandoning nesting sites located too close to temples inside these reserves, with activists calling for strict controls on the amount of people allowed to attend these festivals.

Another threat is the spread of invasive weeds such as the Lantana camara in vulture-landscapes, which hinder the birds from scavenging as their large wing-spans require plenty of open area to safely land and to take to the skies in case of any major threats. Finally, due to the illegal tapping of water along the streams running through these areas, possible climate change, and forest fires, the Terminalia arjuna trees, that many vultures use as nesting sites are disappearing. Only through a multipronged approach of increasing the amount of food available to the birds and managing invasive species can vulture numbers start rebounding, say experts.

What are the steps taken to protect vultures in the State?

The State government has banned the use of diclofenac, a drug, to treat cattle, while there are strict restrictions for the sale of other NSAIDs in the Nilgiris, Erode and Coimbatore districts. Additionally, as the vultures in the Sigur plateau utilise landscapes in neighboring Karnataka and Kerala, experts have called for a synchronous vulture census to accurately identify vulture populations and nesting sites.

THE GIST

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How is the energy crisis in Europe shaping up?

Why is the Netherlands government caught in a dilemma with regard to the shuttering of a large gas field in the region of Groningen, which has been plagued by earthquakes? Why should all this concern India?

K. Bharat Kumar

The story so far:

As winter approaches, Europe faces an energy problem. The numerous leaks – apparently caused by explosions – to the Nord Stream 1, which is an energy pipeline connecting Russia to Germany, has driven supplies to a halt. Amid anxieties about building up energy reserves, the gas field in Groningen in the Netherlands has once again come under the spotlight.

Why is this gas field relevant?

The region of Groningen in the Netherlands has a gas field that began operations in 1963. During the 1980s, the area saw numerous earthquakes – minor enough to avoid large damage but big enough for local buildings to develop cracks. Following these quakes, the Dutch government had earlier said that it would shutter the field in response to local protests. The closure date was also advanced to 2022 from 2030.

However, due to recent geopolitical tensions, the Dutch government wants to keep options open. In a statement, the Dutch government had in June said that "the Cabinet would like to be in a position to close down the Groningen gas field in 2023, as this is the only way to restore safety in Groningen and to reassure residents in the long run. However, the uncertain geopolitical developments have prompted the mining minister to refrain from permanently closing down any wells this year." A *Bloomberg* report earlier this month said that if allowed, the additional supply from the field could go up to a level that would make up for what Germany imported last year from Russia. It said that the field still had potential for about 450 billion cubic metres (bcm) of gas to be extracted.

Can oil or gas exploration cause earthquakes?

The Hindu spoke to professors specialising in both geophysics and geology at IIT-ISM (Indian School of Mines). Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay, Prof. Saurabh Datta Gupta, and Prof. Mohit Agarwal agree that man-made or induced earthquakes can be pretty damaging.

Examples of human activity that could lead to 'induced seismicity' are damming of rivers to create reservoirs, oil or gas extraction, and mining. Fluid extraction from hydrocarbon reservoirs (rocks that hold hydrocarbons which are oil and gas) causes an increase in net effective stresses, which, when supported by the geomechanics of the rock, may lead to development of new faults and fractures. In the case of Groningen, the ground subsiding has been caused by extraction alone over several years. Such extraction causes rocks to contract – as the pores get to hold less and less hydrocarbons over time.

Should India be concerned about gas in the Netherlands?

India's domestic gas price is determined from the average of four global indices viz U.S.'s Henry Hub, the U.K.'s National Balancing point, Canada's Alberta and Russian gas. Compared with pre-pandemic times, the average domestic price of gas has more than doubled from $5.08/MMBTU to $11.62 and CARE Edge Director of Ratings, Sudhir Kumar, estimates that this is bound to rise again when the six-monthly reset takes place for April-September 2023. India consumed about 63.9 bcm in FY22, about 3.1 bcm more than in the previous year. Imports alone accounted for close to 50% of consumption, at about 30 bcm. Global production is estimated to decline from 4,109 bcm in calendar 2021 to 4,089 bcm in 2022. The situation would become challenging for the government unless the formula for determining domestic gas price is reviewed, he says. Till then, the government has to bear the higher subsidy burden on fertilizer – in the manufacture of which natural gas is used – as well as for the LPG sector.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The need to remember: Migrant workers walking from Mumbai to Madhya Pradesh, due to lockdown, in 2020. ROY CHOWDHURY A

Pandemic and a free press: how the largest democracy reported on COVID

India must return to its democratic values to tackle the COVID-19 outbreak effectively. Indian leaders therefore need to express confidence in democratic principles and trust in the country's citizens. That starts with a commitment to a free press.

Joel Simon

Sanna Irshad Mattoo, a 28-year-old Kashmiri photojournalist, was stopped at the Delhi airport from boarding her flight despite having a valid ticket and U.S. visa. She was on her way to receive the Pulitzer Prize for her coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic in India for Reuters. In this article dated September 17, 2020, Joel Simon explains how COVID reporting in India became an endless saga of violence, harassment and censorship.

India is justly proud of its position as the world's largest democracy. It is less proud of the fact that it has become a hotbed for the spread of COVID-19 , with an estimated 90,000 daily infections, and over 5 million cases overall, second only to the United States. Can India find a way to combat the virus while preserving the democratic values that define the nation?

At the heart of any democracy is an informed citizenry that is empowered to make decisions and hold its government accountable. That is why there is nothing more essential to a democracy than a free press. It is not merely the means through which citizens gather information. It is the vehicle through which ideas are debated, policies are formulated, and conflicts are resolved. Yet, India's press freedom record has seen a decline in recent years.

Violent attacks against journalists, including murder, are surprisingly common in India and rarely punished. A 2016 report entitled 'Dangerous Pursuits' by the Committee to Protect Journalists, the organisation I lead, found that journalists who report on government corruption are routinely murdered with impunity. Legal prosecution is also rife, particularly against journalists reporting on the conflict in Kashmir. Aasif Sultan, a journalist with the monthly *Kashmir Narrator* , was arrested on August 31, 2018 in reprisal for his reporting. He has since spent more than two years in jail.

'Only official versions'

These negative trends have only intensified since the COVID-19 outbreak, with journalists across the country facing attacks, harassment, and arrests. The Narendra Modi government of course famously asked the Supreme Court to impose a nationwide censorship on the publication of information that the government deemed "false or inaccurate." The Supreme Court denied that request, but it did direct the media to refer to the "official version" of events when covering the pandemic – an ambiguous edict which has not been enforced.

The government, and the Indian society as a whole, have a legitimate concern about the ways in which the spread of false or misleading information can undermine public health and efforts to fight the pandemic. And the damage to the Indian economy caused by the disease itself and the precipitous national lockdown in March has inflicted tremendous pain on families across the nation.

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The Modi government needs to deploy the full arsenal of tools available in a democracy to confront the challenge. This means presenting a clear and credible plan to the people for tackling COVID-19, and using persuasion, arguments, evidence and reason to rally their support. It means unleashing the innovation and entrepreneurship of the Indian business community that has fuelled the country's rapid growth. It means encouraging debate and competition of ideas that drive political solutions. And it means combating misinformation through aggressive public information campaigns, not raw censorship.

The democratic world is rooting for India's success. While Chinese censorship helped fuel the original outbreak in Wuhan by suppressing information about the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Chinese government has used its propaganda networks to cover up its initial failures and shape global perceptions. China has made the case that its system of authoritarian power was essential for controlling the pandemic. It contrasts the giant pool parties in Wuhan, where life has largely returned to normal, with the chaotic response in democratic countries like the United States, Brazil, and India.

Not surprisingly, the Chinese government's narrative has resonated with authoritarian governments around the world that have used a public health emergency to restrict civil liberties and increase State surveillance and control. Even in democracies, citizens are beginning to wonder if liberty and freedom must be sacrificed to fight the disease. The U.S., grappling with its own shortcomings and political dysfunction, has not effectively made the case that democracy is an asset and not a liability in fighting a public health emergency.

India has long been a leader and an example in the democratic world, but its response to the pandemic has weakened its position. In order to restore its lustre, India's leaders need to express confidence in democratic principles and trust in the country's citizens. That starts with a commitment to a free press.

Joel Simon is the executive director of the Committee to Protect Journalists

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, Sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, Miss Ruby George of Madras wants to know whether it is correct to say 'a shambles'. She is worried about a headline in *The Hindu* of May 31, 1985. The headline was 'A landmark in a shambles'.

"She must be worried about the use of 'a' before the plural 'shambles'. She is justified in being concerned about it. However, it is correct. 'Shambles' has a plural form but is used as a singular. Some words behave like this and these cause occasional problems. For example, someone offered to give a talk on Keats. When he began, a member of the audience asked him to explain first what a 'keat' was! Let me go back to 'shambles'. A shamble was originally a table for the sale of meat. Then it came to mean 'a meat-market' and afterwards it came to mean 'a slaughter-house'. The plural form came to be used but in the singular sense. It has always been construed as a singular. When it is used figuratively, it means 'a place of carnage or bloodshed'. Besides this, it also means 'a place of disorder', 'a scene of ruin or chaos'. Examples:

After the riots, the place was a shambles.

After the communal disturbance, the posh area became a shambles.

The dacoits left the house in a shambles.

His room is a shambles.

They left the station in a shambles.

So, this is the way the word 'shambles' is used. 'Shambolic' means 'utterly chaotic, disorganised'.

It was a shambolic meeting.

This word is used in informal contexts.

"What's the meaning of 'to get on like a house on fire', sir?"

"It means 'vigorously, fast, excellently'.

She is getting on with her work like a house on fire.

You don't have to worry about him at all. He's getting on with his boss like a house on fire.

When they met at the party for the first time, they got on like a house on fire."

"How do you pronounce 'detain' sir?"

"The 'e' in 'detain' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bit', 'ai' is pronounced like the 'ai' in 'pain', 'main', train' and 'slain'. The stress is on the second syllable 'tain'. Well, let me not detain you any further."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

The Tamil Nadu government recently notified setting up the country's first slender loris sanctuary. A quiz on India's vulnerable species and nature reserves

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

For which marine animal has 448 square kilometers in Palk Bay, covering the coastal waters of Thanjavur and Pudukkotai districts, been notified as a conservation reserve?

QUESTION 2

The slender loris is a faunivorous creature and in order to prevent attack from toxic prey like some ants and beetles, what does the primate do before digging into the prey's colony?

QUESTION 3

For which endangered animal are there 52 designated reserves across the country with the latest being notified in 2022 at Ramgarh Visdhari in Rajasthan?

QUESTION 4

Name this vulnerable species of finch, which is green and yellow in colour, that is endemic to the sub-continent and gets its name from a city in the country.

QUESTION 5

Created in 1966 as a sanctuary to preserve the natural habitat of the endangered 'Sangai' (Eld's deer), it is the only floating park in the world. Name this park in the North East part of India.

QUESTION 6

Which bovid listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List is the State animal of both Goa and Bihar?

Visual question:
What is the local name for this critically endangered herbivore which receives protection at the Dachigam National Park? NISSAR AHMAD

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This movie is based on the life of a former cricketer and Member of Parliament. **Ans: *Azhar***
2. Bhura and Ismail are part of this fictional cricket team. **Ans: The cricket team from *Lagaan***
3. This movie is an adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's novel *The 3 Mistakes of My Life*. **Ans: *Kai Po Che***
4. *Iqbal* is a 2005 sports drama flick which features these two languages prominently. **Ans: Hindi, sign language**
5. Both the protagonist and the actor of this biopic are from the same region of India. **Ans: *M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story*; Sushant Singh Rajput**
6. This sports drama is based on the life of this former ODI captain of the Indian women's national cricket team. **Ans: *Shabaash Mithu*; Mithali Raj**
Visual: K. Srikkanth and Kapil Dev are attending an event for this movie. **Ans: *83***

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Word of the day

Coterie:
an exclusive circle of people with a common purpose

Synonyms:
pack, clique, ingroup, inner circle

Usage: *Ever since the elections, he has been excluded from their coterie*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/coteriepro

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BU announces UG results

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore University on Thursday announced the results of the UG examination of 4th and 6th semesters. B.U. in a release issued here on Thursday, said that students can access their results on its website www.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in

Inter-State drug racket uncovered; 3 held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Thursday uncovered an inter-State drug racket and arrested three railway staff from North East Frontier Railway Agartala coaching depot and recovered hashish oil and marijuana worth ₹80 lakh from them.

Based on a tip off, a team of officials conducted a raid outside Baiyyappanahalli railway station compound and caught the trio red-handed. The accused, identified as Bapat Khar, Pinto Das and Rajesh Das, were working as AC attendants in North East railway and were also running the drug racket to earn extra money, sources said. The police recovered 1.10 kg of hashish oil, 4 kg of marijuana and four mobile phones from them. CCB officials said the accused confessed that they would source the drugs from their contact in Assam and get it to city by concealing in lockers of the bogies. Efforts are on to track down the peddlers, who are on the run.

Professor booked for sharing child porn

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The North East division cybercrime police have registered a case against a faculty member of a city-based engineering college for allegedly sharing child pornography.

The accused identified as Madhusudhan Acharya, professor of a college in Yelahanka, was questioned by the police. They recorded his statement and seized his mobile phone which he had allegedly used to share the clip with a student. Bharath Reddy, officials from CID cybercrime unit, filed a complaint with the North East cybercrime police station, following an alert from National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children portal after monitoring the activities of the accused for two years.

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Bengaluru-bound Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt lands 36 hours behind schedule

The flight was diverted to Istanbul airport owing to a medical emergency.
REUTERS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Bengaluru-bound Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt with 300 passengers onboard landed at Kempegowda International Airport on Thursday afternoon, almost 36 hours behind schedule.

The flight, which left Frankfurt at 1.05 p.m. on October 18, was scheduled to land in Bengaluru at 1.25 a.m. the next day.

However, mid-air, the flight was diverted to Istanbul airport due to a medical emergency. What followed was, according to passengers, a harrowing experience. They said that the airline did not provide them with even basic facilities, such as food or accommodation.

Passengers also alleged that the airline staff did not provide any update on the flight's status.

Many passengers took to social media to highlight their plight, among them was Grammy winning composer, Ricky Kej.

In a series of tweets over the past couple of days, Mr. Kej alleged that there was zero accountability from the airline's side and passengers had to fend for themselves while they were stranded at the Istanbul airport.

"Over 31 hours now ... Still stranded in Istanbul. Thanks to the utter disregard of Indian passengers by @lufthansa . Still not even a statement, or any info from them. Zero accountability. Shows how much they care. Two nights now without a bed, no access to luggage, etc," Mr. Kej tweeted.

Many other passengers also highlighted their plight on Twitter saying there were several elderly people and infants among the passengers, and that they were put to a lot of hardship with no help coming from the airline crew.

Airline's response

The airline tweeted that the flight was diverted to Istanbul to treat a medical emergency. "Lufthansa flight LH754/18 October from Frankfurt to Bangalore had to be diverted to Istanbul due to a medical emergency onboard. For safety reasons, the oxygen cylinders used to treat the medical emergency must be replaced before continuing the flight," Lufthansa tweeted.

Some passengers were also annoyed as the departure to Bengaluru was rescheduled.

To this the airline tweeted: "Unfortunately, this took more time than originally expected. Additionally, the flight crew exceeded its legally permitted duty time due to the circumstances. The flight continuation from Istanbul to Bangalore is now scheduled for 4:30 a.m. local time."

Traffic police launch capacity building exercise for staff

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 45 traffic police officials attended 'Creating Safer Streets for all in Bengaluru,' a first-of-its-kind capacity-building workshop conducted in the city on Thursday, that focused on creating safer, inclusive and accessible streets for all.

Conducted under the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS), the workshop is the first of multiple capacity building sessions that will aid agencies in undertaking road safety audits, collecting on-ground data, and providing analytical solutions and feedback for improving road safety in Bengaluru.

The Hedgenagar junction, close to the traffic training institute where the session was undertaken, is a four-arm intersection connecting to the Thanisandra main road. It sees heavy pedestrian footfall daily. As per WRI India analyses (based on FIRs), road traffic crashes claimed 2,739 lives in Bengaluru between 2017 and 2020, of which 907 were pedestrians. More than 500 pedestrians have lost their lives while merely trying to cross a road between 2017-2020.

It included a two-hour capacity-building session followed by a walking audit by officials. All participants walked the 500-meter stretch from the workshop venue (Traffic Training Institute) to Hegdenagar Junction to analyse it based on the training received and suggest recommendations. Some observations that were made included the need for providing pedestrian infrastructure such as safe waiting spaces or refuge islands for pedestrians to halt, clear and visible road markings and continuous footpaths. Design interventions suggested included lane alignment and reclaiming unused space on roads to improve traffic flow.

Yeshwanthpur under CCTV watch

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 64 CCTV cameras have been installed at 25 strategic locations across Yeshwanthpur, which is linked to a control room at the police station to monitor law and order situation. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Thursday inaugurated the control room which was set up under MLA Local area development fund.

The cameras were also fitted with mics to help the control room staff to give instructions and make important announcements if necessary, Vinayak Patil, DCP, North division, said .

This is a pilot project to ensure law and order and to monitor the area round the clock from a control room. This project will be extended to other areas in future, he added.

1,633 students receive degrees at Ramaiah Institute of Technology

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 1,633 students received engineering graduate and masters degrees along with 30 gold medals from Ramaiah Institute of Technology on 14th annual graduation day which was held on Thursday.

Dr. Rishikesh T. Krishna, Director Indian Institute of Management-Bengaluru and Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Chairman of Gokula Education Foundation gave out Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Architect, Master of Technology, Master of Architecture, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Computer Applications degrees to the students. In the graduation day address, Dr. Krishna said, "The world is full of opportunities. If you are not prepared, it would be difficult to sustain in the competitive world. The students must be adaptable to niche conditions in the world and work hard to be successful. Please be sensitive to the environment and not wait to give it back to society. You need to pace yourself to be mature in careers and introspect yourself at every stage of your life."

M.R. Seetharam, vice chairman of MSRIT, M.R. Ramaiah, Secretary of Gokula Education Foundation and others were present.

DCP transferred

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of an alleged harassment complaint by the staff of the administration section of the city police commissioner against IPS officer Nisha James, the Karnataka government transferred her, said officials on Thursday.

M.A. Saleem, Additional Director General of Police (Administration), issued a movement order on Wednesday posting her as Superintendent of Police, Internal Security Division. The order also stated B.M. Laxmi Prasad, awaiting posting, has been asked to take charge as DCP administration.

The complaint letter was signed by many police personnel making serious accusations against her. On the other hand, many police personnel also supported Ms. James, terming her as an honest officer. Some of them took to social media to express their support for the IPS officer.

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OPERATING PROFIT ₹6,905 Cr. Up by 23.22%
NET PROFIT ₹2,525 Cr. Up by 89.42%
NET INTEREST INCOME ₹7,434 Cr. Up by 18.51%
RAM CREDIT 16.40%
HOUSING CREDIT 17.01%
GROSS ADVANCES 20.00%
CRAR 16.51% Up by 214 bps
PCR 85.36% Up by 292 bps
GROSS NPA 6.37% Down by 205 bps
NET NPA 2.19% Down by 102 bps
Y-o-Y

(₹ in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED				
		Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations (net)	6905.48	5603.64	13511.71	11084.52	23088.98	6988.62	5379.64	13638.59	10789.86	23297.72
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3268.67	2243.41	6184.85	4265.55	10316.49	3350.89	2018.91	6312.08	3965.47	10499.91
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3268.67	2243.41	6184.85	4265.55	8961.59	3350.89	2018.91	6312.08	3965.47	9145.01
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2525.47	1332.61	4547.50	2510.08	5678.42	2705.55	1314.41	4885.32	2548.94	6124.83
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2	Refer Note 2
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13	1814.13
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)					55790.95					59640.96
8.	Securities Premium Account	13919.01	13919.01	13919.01	13919.01	13919.01	13983.85	13983.85	13983.85	13983.85	13983.85
9.	Net worth	55765.87	46437.93	55765.87	46437.93	48692.46	59976.27	49988.50	59976.27	49988.50	52552.11
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	31736.10	22186.10	31736.10	22186.10	26686.10					
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-					
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.57	0.64	0.57	0.64	0.55					
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (For continuing and discontinued operations)										
	1. Basic:	13.92	7.77	25.07	14.93	32.49	14.91	7.66	26.93	15.16	35.04
	2. Diluted:	13.92	7.77	25.07	14.93	32.49	14.91	7.66	26.93	15.16	35.04
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (BSE: www.bseindia.com and NSE: www.nseindia.com) and Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)
2. Information relating to Total Comprehensive Income and Other Comprehensive Income is not furnished as Ind AS is not yet made applicable to the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 20.10.2022

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Road caves in

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the downpour on Wednesday, a road in Pattegarpalya near Vijayanagar caved in, resulting in a sinkhole a few feet wide, causing traffic to pile up, until the hole was closed by BBMP. Officials said the heavy rain caused the sinkhole. "There were no other issues," officials said.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, OCT. 21
RISE 06:11 SET 17:58
RISE 02:33 SET 15:22

SATURDAY, OCT. 22
RISE 06:11 SET 17:57
RISE 03:23 SET 15:59

SUNDAY, OCT. 23
RISE 06:11 SET 17:57
RISE 04:12 SET 16:37

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	29	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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Heavy rain wreaks havoc; roads flooded, vehicles damaged

Several low-lying areas inundated; rain affects movement of traffic on Bengaluru-Pune highway after Hebbakka lake overflowed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A wall collapsed on a parked vehicle at Sheshadripuram in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Downpour on Wednesday night in the city led to familiar scenes playing out: flooding in several areas and damage to properties, including vehicles.

Several vehicles were damaged after a retaining wall of Namma Metro, near Mantri Mall at Seshadripuram, collapsed. Hours later, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) deployed a team to clear the debris.

Kishore Kumar, whose car was near the wall, said that his vehicle was completely damaged.

After calling up various authorities for several hours, some officials removed the vehicles stuck under debris.

"This shows that the quality of construction of the retaining wall was poor. My car is completely damaged and needs a lot of repair work," he added.

Traffic affected on NH

The rain continued to affect the traffic flow on Bengaluru-Pune highway (NH48) after Hebbakka lake near Tumakuru overflowed on Thursday.

According to Tumakuru police, around 10 km of the stretch was affected starting from Kyathasandra toll.

Flooding was also reported in several areas like Bellandur, Madiwala, Hosur Road, Silk Board junction, Bannerghatta Road, Malleswaram, R.T. Nagar, Koramangala, B.T.M. Layout, Shivajinagar, Outer Ring Road, Tumakuru Road, Mysuru Road, and the Central Business District.

Commuters were stuck in traffic for more than 30 minutes in Central Business District areas. Outer Ring Road near Bellandur, various main roads in Mahadevapura and Sarjapura also witnessed traffic snarls.

The HAL Airport Traffic Police issued an advisory on the morning of October 20, asking motorists to avoid the road from Sakra Hospital to Bellandur Kodi due to waterlogging.

Vehicles washed away

Many vehicles in Shivajinagar were washed away. Those who had parked vehicles on the road side had to run after the vehicles to save them, and videos of the same went viral on social media.

Several houses under water after downpour

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

More than 300 families in HSR Layout, and Anugraha Layout in Kodichikkanahalli were affected after water entered their houses due to incessant rains in the city on Wednesday night. The infamous Silk board junction was also flooded due to overflowing of Madiwala Lake. The basement of a bank in Silk Board junction was completely flooded, leading to the damage of the bank ATM, where money inside the machine has been lost due to water. An apartment near BTM Layout was also flooded, where more than 10 vehicles have been damaged.

Independent houses and the basements of a few apartments in HSR Layout were flooded on Thursday morning after overnight rain. A park and a playground in HSR Layout were also flooded. Prathap Naryana, a resident of HSR Layout said, "This is the first time the playground attached with the park has been flooded after the rain. When we came for walking early in the morning, the whole park is full of rain water." Anugraha Layout also witnessed similar conditions. Many houses in the area were gushed with rain water on Thursday.

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Brief Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Platform)

BESCOM invites tender through e–Procurement portal for providing 333 nos of Temporary Gangmen to various sub division offices of BESCOM Tumkur Circle vide Enq No: CEE/CZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/005 Date:17.10.2022. Approx. value of tender cost (Rs) : 71176181/-. EMD in (Rs) : 10,67,642/- and 218 nos of Temporary Gangmen to various sub division offices of BESCOM Davanagere Circle of BESCOM Chitradurga Zone vide Enq No: CEE/CZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/006 Date:17.10.2022. Approx. value of tender cost (Rs) : 47041488/-. EMD in (Rs): 7,05,622/-. Issue of bid document: 21.10.2022, 12.00 Hrs. Receipt of bid document: 19.11.2022 Up to 17.00 Hrs. Opening of bid documents: 21.11.2022, 10.00 Hrs. The tenders can be obtained through e-Procurement Portal by visiting our website www.bescom.org or can directly access the tendering website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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Request-for-Proposal for "Selection of an 'Exhibition Management Agency' for Conceptualizing, Organising and Managing Exhibition during 'U.P. Global Investors Summit-2023"

Invest UP, an Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency of Government of UP, invites E-bids for 'Selection of an "Exhibition Management Agency" for Conceptualizing, Organising and Managing an 'Exhibition', during 'U.P. Global Investors Summit-2023' at Lucknow.
The details of RFP are available on Portal (website) **https:// etender.up.nic.in** from 20.10.2022.
A Pre-Bid Meeting on hybrid-mode is scheduled on 25.10.22 at 1500 hrs.
Closing date/time for submission of E-bids is 12.11.22 till 1000 hrs.

Issuer -
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No.: HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-8/TND/2022-23/1833 Date: 20.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-III, Class-II & above contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in e-procurement for the following works.

1) Description of works: Package work of 1) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences Premises, Ballari District, 2) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at Teching Hospital KIMS, Koppal District & 3) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at RIMS Raichur District. **Approximate Amount Put to Tender**: Rs. 159.00 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 2.40 Lakhs. **Stipulated period for Completion:** 6 Months including monsoon.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders : 05.11.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. (2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 07.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m.

2) Description of works: Package work of 1) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at K.R. Hospital MMC & RI Mysuru, 2) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at CIMS Chamarajanagara District, 3) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at KOIMS Teching Hospital, Madikeri, Kodagu District & 4) Construction of Dharmashala Centre at HIMS, Hassan District. **Approximate Amount Put to Tender:** Rs. 207.00 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 3.20 Lakhs. **Stipulated period for Completion:** 6 Months including monsoon.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: 19.11.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. (2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 21.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m.

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
HFWD, Engineering Wing,
Bengaluru.

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DEATH

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It is with profound sadness and grief we announce the passing
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She leaves us memories of her warmth, laughter and joy. She wanted us to know, 'she tried,' and we know she did. Rest in peace, friend!

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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No: PCB/70/HPI/17 Cat/2022/4916 Date: 19/10/2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

M/s. The Naranja Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ltd, have proposed to establish Sugar cane juice/B-Heavy Molasses/C Molasses based distillery of capacity 120 KLPD in the premises of existing sugar industry at Sy. No.22, 25, 27, 1/1 of Imampur Village, Bidar Taluk and District in an area of 31.13 acres.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No: IA-J-11011/309/2022-IA-II(I) dated: 16.08.2022 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi and request letter of the project proponent received at Board office on 26.09.2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address: M/s. The Naranja Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ltd, Imampur Village, Bidar Taluk and District.

2. Location of the Proposed Project: Sy.No.22, 25, 27, 1/1 of Imampur Village, Bidar Taluk and District in an area of 31.13 acres.

3. Project proposed: proposed to establish Sugar cane juice/B-Heavy Molasses/C Molasses based Distillery of capacity 120 KLPD.

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: Date: 28.11.2022 (Monday). Time: 11:00 A.M. Place: Project site of M/s. The Naranja Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ltd, Imampur Village, Bidar Taluk and District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bidar. (c) District Industries Centre, Bidar District. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bidar. (e) Gram Panchayath, Imampur Village, Bidar Taluk & District. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 034. (g) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bidar District). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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RR Nagar junction flyover work begins; July 2024 is deadline

Commuters worry about traffic congestion; there will be two underpasses, and the flyover is expected to decongest vehicle movement near the RR Nagar arch on Mysuru road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The flyover linking Kenchanahalli Road with Mysuru Road near Rajarajeshwari Nagar arch will facilitate signal- free movement of vehicles at RR Nagar arch junction on Mysuru road. K. MURALI KUMAR

Months after Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai laid the foundation stone for the Rajarajeshwari Nagar (RR Nagar) flyover, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started the work, which will link Kenchanahalli Road with Mysuru Road near the RR Nagar arch.

The flyover is expected to decongest traffic near the RR Nagar arch on Mysuru road and there will be two underpasses: intersection of Kengeri road and Ullal main road, and another along Annapoorneshwari Nagar main road.

BBMP officials said that one ramp of the flyover which will be connecting Mysuru Road from Kenchanahalli Main Road will be 305 metre long, and another ramp which will be connecting University Circle from Vrushabhavathi Valley will be 350 metre long. The flyover project is estimated to cost ₹71.45 crore.

A senior BBMP official said, "We have started the project-related work. Now, we are extending the rajakaluve and building retaining walls near the Vrushabhavathi Valley, and soon, the flyover construction will start."

The civic body officials said that they have fixed July 2024 as the deadline to complete the work of the flyover.

Concern about traffic congestion

Meanwhile, motorists taking the stretch are worried about the traffic issue once the work starts as the Mysuru road is well known for traffic congestion.

Phanindra Sharma, a motorist who takes this stretch, said, "The flyover construction is a good decision and in future, it may be helpful for decongesting traffic, but the problem is how the BBMP will manage traffic during the construction. Already, during the metro construction, we had suffered a lot facing traffic snarls."

"The civic body should plan well in advance to manage the traffic while constructing and making arrangements for the alternative roads. There are many people taking this particular stretch to go to Mysuru. They will also face a lot of difficulties," he added.

Another commuter said that the flyover work takes a long time and the BBMP has to finish the project within the timeline. Atul Kulkarni, a motorist said, "We have always seen that the civic body fixes a deadline and never meets it and ends up creating a mess on the roads. We hope the RR Nagar flyover project will not take much time. The government should keep a tab on the work and make contractors finish the project within the deadline."

BBMP officials said that they will coordinate with traffic police and make sure that the traffic will not be hit during the construction and that the deadline will be followed.

Construction debris dumped below Ejipura flyover poses threat to commuters

Debris dumped below the Ejipura flyover which is under construction in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAINU

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The infamous Ejipura Flyover in Koramangala, which is known for the inordinate delay in its construction over the last five years, now poses a threat to residents and motorists with construction debris being dumped below the flyover.

Motorists taking this stretch fear that the metal barricades and debris occupying road space are posing danger to two-wheeler riders, other vehicles and pedestrians. The residents say that despite complaining to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) about the risk from this debris, the authorities have not taken action so far. Motorists say that driving through the stretch is dangerous as the debris, including concrete waste, is strewn on a significant portion of the Ejipura Main Road. "It's been years that the flyover construction has been happening, and now they have stopped construction, but not cleared any construction waste under the flyover, which poses risk to the motorists. In the dark, it is riskier as large stones used for construction are not visible to riders," complained Chethan Patel, a motorist.

Residents say that iron and bricks along with metal barricades, which are installed under the flyover pillars, have come out towards the road, causing hardship to the public.

Meanwhile, the BBMP officials are yet to take any action on the mess created under the flyover. Speaking to *The Hindu*, BBMP Chief Engineer M. Lokesh said, "We have aligned all the barricades properly. However, a few people are moving it to throw debris. We will take action against them and clear the debris."

Mr. Lokesh also said that the two contractors had participated in the tender floated in August this year to complete the project. "The technical evaluation of the bids are done. Soon, we are submitting the tender details in front of the tender scrutiny committee," he added.

INBRIEF

Man involved in over 50 house break-ins arrested

The Madiwala police caught a man involved in over 50 house break-ins in and around the city. The accused John Melvin had a habit of donating part of the booty to places of worship and blow the rest of the money on vices and lead a lavish life. Based on a theft case, the Madiwala police tracked down the accused.

Police are questioning him to investigate his involvement in similar cases reported recently.

Disruption in power supply from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today

There will be disruption in power supply on Friday (October 21) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11KV Hennur Road MUSS for carrying out quarterly / half yearly maintenance works.

According to a press release from BESCOM, East Circle, the areas to be affected are: Hennur Bande, Grace garden, K.Narayanapura, Bilishivale, Asha township, Aishwarya Layout, Maruthi Township, Nagaragiri township, K Narayanapura cross, BDS garden, Kothnoor, Patel Ramaiah Layout, Anjanappa Layout, CSI Gate, Byrathi Cross, Byrathi Village, Evergreen Layout, Kanakashree Layout, Geddalahalli, Hiremath Layout, Janakiram Layout, Vaddarapalya, Anugraha Layout, Cauvery Layout, Atma Vidhya Nagar Byrathi Village, KRC, Doddagubbi Cross, Kuvempu Layout, Christian College road and surrounding areas.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 21, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Saving the vultures of Tamil Nadu
  bit.ly/vulturestamilnadu

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka does not fully deliver on promises

Four years after it was implemented, the scheme continues to face problems. There are issues like reluctance of private hospitals to get empanelled, non-revision of rates, and many ailments not being covered

Arogya Karnataka

Launched in Karnataka on **March 2, 2018** | Co-branded with Centre's Ayushman Bharat on **October 30, 2018**

Total procedures covered under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka: 1,650

- **Code 2A:** 294 Simple secondary procedures (Only performed in government hospitals)
- **Code 2B:** 251 Complex secondary procedures
- **Code 3A:** 934 Tertiary procedures

(2B and 3A can be availed of in government hospitals or empanelled private hospitals with appropriate referral only, if unavailable in the government hospital on a given day. Referral is not given to any particular empanelled hospital by name, prerogative of the patient for preferential selection of empanelled hospital)

- **Code 4A:** 171 Emergency procedures (Can be availed of in government or private empanelled hospital without any referral)

Beneficiaries covered: 5.09 crore

- **BPL families** Entitled to ₹5 lakh coverage per family
- **APL families** Entitled to ₹1.5 lakh coverage per family (30% of the package rates)

Empanelled hospitals
In State 3,506
Government hospitals 2,934
Private hospitals 572
Empanelled hospitals in Bengaluru Urban district 291
Government hospitals 240
Private hospitals 51

Beneficiaries treated

- Total till September 30, 2022 38.91 lakh
- BPL beneficiaries: 35.38 lakh; ₹3,936 crore cost approved
- APL beneficiaries: 2.23 lakh; ₹653 crore cost approved
- General beneficiaries: 1.28 lakh; ₹566 crore cost approved
- Total approved cost of treatment: ₹ 5,155 crore

AB-ArK pre-authorisation
Status and amount spent from inception till September 30, 2022

Pre-authorisations claimed by government hospitals: 33,06,868

Approved cost in government hospitals: ₹2,179.26 crore

Pre-authorisations claimed by private hospitals: 5,84,202

Approved cost in private hospitals: ₹2,975.7 crore

Year-wise pre-authorisations and approved cost

- **2018-2019** (November 1 - March 31): 83,284 pre-authorisations approved; total cost ₹274 crore
- **2019-2020** (April 1 - March 31): 5,99,402 pre-authorisations approved; total cost ₹870 crore
- **2020-2021:** 8,41,667 pre-authorisations approved; total cost ₹1,409 crore
- **2021-2022:** 12,94,027 pre-authorisations approved; total cost ₹1,765 crore
- **2022-2023** (Till September 30): 10,72,684 pre-authorisations approved; total cost ₹838 crore

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Four years after the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK), the State's flagship health assurance scheme, was launched, easy access and free treatment during emergencies still eludes people.

With most emergencies usually falling in the cardiac and trauma-related speciality, getting treatment within the golden hour is crucial for patients. Although patients are free to walk into any empanelled hospital (public or private) without the mandatory referral (required under the scheme) during emergencies, patients tend to rush to the nearest available private hospital and end up paying out of their pockets many times. With not more than 51 private hospitals in Bengaluru empanelled under the scheme, it is hard for patients to find the right one during emergencies.

Proximity issue

The scheme covering 5.09 crore beneficiaries was launched to provide cashless primary, secondary and tertiary health care to the poor and vulnerable population. It is being implemented in an "Assurance Mode" by Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), the State's nodal health agency.

In Bengaluru, with only 51 empanelled hospitals, that too not evenly spread out in the city, families of patients have to either pay and get treatment or commute through the city's horrendous traffic looking for an empanelled hospital. Sometimes, they end up paying even at an empanelled hospital as some facilities have empanelled themselves for selective specialities due to low package rates and late payment issues.

Procedures not covered

Besides, although the total coverage is up to ₹5 lakh per family under the scheme, many complex life-saving procedures or implants that cost above ₹2 lakh are not covered. This makes it inevitable even for BPL patients to pay out of their pockets for such procedures.

Doctors said many patients are not aware that the ₹5 lakh coverage is for a family of five. Even if the family has a single patient, individual coverage can be only upto ₹1.75 lakh.

Moreover, there are some diseases that require staged procedures. A second procedure may be required within six months of the first procedure. But the cost of the second procedure is not covered under the scheme.

> The referral process is a hassle for both healthcare providers and beneficiaries. How can you expect a patient to go to a government hospital first and then get referred to a private hospital during an emergency?
>
> **PRASANNA H.M.**
> president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association

Low package rates

In all, there are more than 26,000 private healthcare providers in Karnataka. Of these, 8,000 are registered under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act. Only 572 of these private hospitals are empanelled under the scheme. And only 51 of them are in Bengaluru.

Most private hospitals are not keen on empanelment citing "low-package rates", fixed by the government for the 1,650 procedures covered under the scheme.

Arogya Karnataka that was rolled out in March 2018 in the State was co-branded with Ayushman Bharat on October 30 in the same year after the State signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre. The scheme is now called Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Arogya Karnataka (AB-PMJAY-ArK).

The 1,650 procedures comprise 294 simple secondary, 251 complex secondary, 934 tertiary care procedures, 171 emergency procedures. While the simple secondary procedures are completely handled at the government hospital level, for all other procedures patients need to be referred by a government hospital to a private facility.

Hospitals not keen

Prasanna H.M. president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) said most private hospitals are not keen on getting empanelled as the current package rates hardly cover the actual procedure costs.

"The referral process is a hassle for both healthcare providers and beneficiaries, especially for tertiary services. How can you expect a patient to go to a government hospital first and then get referred to a private hospital during an emergency? The patient should have the discretion to choose the nearest hospital," he argued.

Rates not revised

Pointing out that the package rates under the scheme have not been revised after October 2018, Dr. Prasanna said the government should take up a scientific costing of procedures and hold deliberations with the private hospitals. "We can discuss among our member hospitals and arrive at consensus. When the actual cost is more than the procedure package rates, how can hospitals manage?" he asked.

Dr. Prasanna said a representation seeking revision of rates was submitted to the government again six months ago. "The rate revision should happen at the national level. We are forming a federation of private hospitals and nursing homes to take up the issue," he said.

A senior doctor from a tertiary care government hospital said, "Many consumables and implants are imported, and with soaring dollar prices it all adds to the procedure costs. Moreover, when the actual cost is more than the procedure package rate, the scheme does not allow the empanelled hospital to collect the difference amount from patients."

C.N. Manjunath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, underlined the need for revision of package rates and also inclusion of complex procedures and implants that cost above ₹ 2 lakh. There is also an urgent need for focused and targeted empanelment of healthcare facilities in all districts, he said.

Under consideration

Admitting these issues as major drawbacks in the scheme, State Health Commissioner Randeep D said the referral system is in place with an intent to encourage maximum service seeking at public healthcare institutions.

The commissioner, who acknowledged that empanelment of private hospitals has been a challenge, said increasing package rates is under the consideration of the State Government.

"The National Health Authority (the national agency implementing the health scheme) has been insisting on adoption of a new Health Benefits Packages (HBP) 2022. If this happens, more than 2,000 procedures including oncology, cardiac, cochlear implant and bone marrow transplantation surgeries and implants will be covered at enhanced rates. We are also working on decreasing the turnaround time of claim processing by enhancing human resources. A proposal has been submitted to the government," he said.

Attributing the delay in package rate revision to the pandemic, he said, "It is worth pointing out that during COVID-19 there were several hospitals which got empanelled. A total of 2,39,736 patients were treated free of cost under the scheme during the three COVID-19 waves. Private hospitals should also extend cooperation beyond COVID-19, as stated in the KPME Act."

BPL beneficiaries

The commissioner said over 90% of the beneficiaries under the scheme are from the BPL category, and since inception, 75% of cash outflow is benefitting the BPL population. "Of the total 38.91 lakh beneficiaries treated under the scheme (from inception till September 2022), 35.38 lakh are BPL beneficiaries who have been treated at an overall cost of ₹3,936 crore," he said.

The State has recorded the highest ever pre-authorisations this financial year, thereby already recording 82% of last year's achievement in the first six months.

"While 12,94,027 pre-authorisations were approved last year at a total cost of ₹1,765 crore, this year (till September) we have approved 10,72,684 pre-authorisations at a cost of ₹838 crore. We are poised for a record 20 lakh pre-authorisations in this financial year," said the commissioner, who was the in charge executive director of SAST till September.

What is the ideal public health insurance model?

GUEST COLUMN

Giridhara R. Babu and Habib H. Farooqui

Public health insurance is the arrangement by which the government undertakes to provide a guarantee of relief against illness, disability, or death in return for payment of a specified premium. It is imperative to understand who pays the premium and how the services are purchased; this distinction is vital to envision creating a system that can be hassle-free and convenient for beneficiaries. The goal of any model should be to prevent catastrophic out-of-pocket expenditure by the public while maximizing the coverage and type of services with enhanced quality.

The major types of health insurance and delivery mechanisms can be broadly classified as shown in the table.

UK and India models

In the National Health Services (NHS) model of the UK and India, the health systems are managed by earmarking a proportion of the tax collected by the government for healthcare services. The advantages are that services are free at the point of service, and there are minimal out-of-pocket costs. However, there may be delays in obtaining elective services, especially for super-speciality care, and the problem of overuse of services in this model. Countries that follow this model in some forms are the United Kingdom, Scandinavian countries, Australia, New Zealand, and Cuba.

In social health Insurance, employers and employees contribute to "sickness funds" created by compulsory payroll deductions. Indian examples of such schemes are ESIS and CGHS. These models are seen where high formal employment exists, such as in Austria, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands.

There is a competition to manage funds with tight

market regulation, leaving little scope for profiteering.

System in US

If there is one model not to emulate, it is the private market-based insurance model adopted by the USA; while healthcare costs are skyrocketing, the lack of insurance coverage disempowers those who cannot afford it. The extreme combination of premium and delivery of services is in the US, wherein the employed and wealthier sections of society rely on purchasing private market-based health plans, which allows access to healthcare while those underinsured or uninsured must pay for their procedures out of pocket. This disastrous model has no-cost controls and poor coverage. An ideal system of health services will have two essential features; one, health services are managed similar to NHS by the government. Two, the government pays the premium of insurance coverage for eligible families through tax-based sources, and there is no out-of-pocket expenditure for using health services. Arogya Karnataka aims to extend 'Universal Health Coverage' to all residents in Karnataka State by combing Vajpayee Arogyashree, Yeshaswini Scheme, and other mechanisms. In this model, the SAST trust serves as intermediary and has empaneled public and private facilities for service provision. As a next step, the state can benefit from integrating the regulatory nature and contribution of the social health insurance model with the current model.

Greater decentralization through non-profitable and autonomous regulation can help manage a pool of premiums, further expanding in areas with a high level of formal employment. An ideal health system can take lessons from several models and avoid disastrous models, such as that of the US.

(Giridhara R. Babu is Professor at the IIPH-Bengaluru, and Habib H. Farooqui is Additional Professor at the IIPH-Delhi, Public Health Foundation of India)

Major types of health insurance and delivery mechanisms

	Who pays insurance premium	Who provides the services
Government-sponsored schemes	Public insurance (Ayushman Bharat and other state-sponsored schemes)	Public sector hospitals and empanelled private hospitals
Employers supported schemes	Social insurance (ESIS, CGHS), EU countries (sickness funds)	ESIS hospital and empanelled private hospitals
Individual purchased schemes	Private insurance (Mediclaim and others) US model (private plans)	Empanelled private hospitals

*ESIS - Employee State Insurance Scheme, CGHS - Central Government Health Scheme

Dialysis patients in Karnataka hit as staff of 122 govt. units launch indefinite strike

Demanding restoration of the salaries paid before the transfer of the dialysis scheme from BRS Health and Research Institute to Kolkata-based ESKAG Sanjeevini Pvt. Ltd. in January this year, nearly 500 employees stage a protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Over 4,000 renal patients undergoing dialysis in 122 government-run units across Karnataka have been hit following a protest by employees of these units on Thursday.

Demanding restoration of the salaries paid before the transfer of the dialysis scheme from BRS Health and Research Institute to Kolkata-based ESKAG Sanjeevini Pvt. Ltd. in January this year, nearly 500 employees, including dialysis technicians, nurses and 'D' group staff, manning the 122 dialysis units, staged a protest at Freedom Park in the city on Thursday.

Following this, patients due for dialysis on Thursday either missed the life-saving procedure or were forced to get it done a day before.

Not satisfied with the Health Department's assurance that their demands will be met within the next two months after consultation with the company, the dialysis staff have continued their strike.

Government-run dialysis units across Karnataka did not function on Thursday as staff of the units have launched an indefinite strike.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Protest by patients

Patients staged snap protests in front of the dialysis units in various districts. The situation is likely to worsen on Friday for many who are due for dialysis.

Chandrashekar, a technician from Arasikere in Hassan district, said the new agency is paying salaries that are far less than what they were getting earlier.

"I was getting a consolidated monthly salary of close to ₹25,000 earlier. But, after the new agency took over my salary reduced to ₹13,800. Moreover, the previous agency has not paid our wages for two months (June-July, 2021) saying that the Health Department has not cleared their payment," he said.

Chetan R., another technician H.D. Kote taluk hospital in Mysuru district, said their other benefits such as PF and ESI contributions were also not being paid by the new agency.

"We have tried our best to dialyse our patients a day before coming to Bengaluru for the protest. We met Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar and all top officials seeking a resolution. But, they have issued a letter giving us a time frame of two months to meet our demands. This is not acceptable as we have been raising these issues from the last one year," he said.

Arundathi Chandrashekar, State Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), said the Minister heard the grievances raised by the staff. "After deliberations, we have informed the staff that these issues cannot be resolved overnight. We have also given in writing explaining the legal hurdles in clearing two months' dues (June-July 2021). This was supposed to be paid by BRS Health and Research Institute but as the matter is before the court, we have to seek permission legally. Besides, we also need time to call Sanjeevani for talks with regard to the other demands," she said.

Stating that the dialysis should understand the plight of patients and resume their duties from Friday, the NHM MD said: "We are working on alternative arrangements to ensure patients do not suffer. We hope to set this right at the earliest."

KSRTC implements accident insurance scheme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Wednesday implemented ₹50 lakh accident insurance scheme to protect the interest of its employee's dependents in case of death or disability due to accident. This decision was taken to help its employees who work day and night for the organisation.

KSRTC implemented this scheme by entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India.

MoU signed

According to a KSRTC release, the MoU was signed by V. Anbukkumar, Managing Director KSRTC and Pankaj Thapliyal, DGM, State Bank of India, in the presence of M. Chandrappa, Chairman, KSRTC.

Hitherto, if the employees of the Corporation died in an accident (while on duty or off duty) or suffered permanent or partial disability, no large sum of compensation was available either to their dependents or to them, the official release also stated.

INBRIEF

Heavy rains: Girl on way to school washed away in canal

A 11-year-old girl died on Thursday after she fell into a canal near Daddihalli in Channarayapatna taluk that was in spate following heavy rains that lashed the area last night.

H.R. Ranjitha, a Class 5 student, fell into the canal while she was on her way to school with her brother on a bike. She was washed away The local people retrieved her body later. Ranjitha is the daughter of Raja Bovi and Shruthi of Heggadagere village. Senior officers of the taluk administration visited the spot.

Parts of Channarayapatna, Hassan, Arsikere, Belur and Arkalgud received moderate to heavy rains on Wednesday night. Roads were inundated and people living in low-lying areas were badly hit.The residents of the village alleged that the district administration did not give attention to take up the work to ensure free flow of rainwater in the village, despite repreated demands.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE [CCH 61] AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 483/2018
In the matter of succession to the estate of Late Mr. Sudeep Vaidya

BETWEEN: Mrs. Bhakti Vaidya @ Bhakti Sarjine, aged about 39 years, W/o late Mr. Sudeep Vaidya, R/at No.101, Site-1, Shravanthi Orchids, 1st Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore-560 076. Represented by her father and GPA holder Mr. Jaysing Kisan Sarjine

Master Arjun Vaidya, aged 7 years, S/o late Mr. Sudeep Vaidya and late Mrs. Bhakti Vaidya C/o. Bhakti Vaidya R/at No. 101, Site -1, Shravanthi Orchids 1st Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore 560 076.

Represented by mother and Natural Gaurdian Mrs. Bhakti Vaidya @ Bhakti Sarjine, Through GPA Holder Mr. Jaysing Kisan Sarjine ... **Petitioners**

AND: Mrs. Meena Vaidya, aged about 83 years, W/o Mr. Sharad Vaidya, R/at: Utkarsh, No. 65, Bhima Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh 425 018. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act, For Grant of Succession Certificate to the property and credit of the deceased Mr. Sudeep Vaidya died intestate on 26-6-2018 who is the husband of Petitioner No.1 and father of Petitioner No.2 and son of Petitioner No. 3 and the said petition is posted hearing **on19-11-2022** at 11' 0 Clock. Any person's claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceeding before the court.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that Apartment bearing No. C- 903, on the 9th Floor of the apartment complex known as "KEERTI ROYAL PAMS" with super built up area of 1725 Sqft with 2 covered car parking No. C-903 (1) and C- 903 (2) with 43 square feet open terrace area constructed on property bearing Survey Nos. 33/1b and 33/2 at Bertana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore.

Item No.2: (a) Bank Account with M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank with Account No. 0811175584, **(b)** Fixed Deposits bearing No. 0811595900, 0811595917, 0811596198 M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank linked with above Bank Account **(c)** Bank account with ICICI Bank bearing Account No. 003501044297 and the mutual fund attached with the said account and Bank Account No. 623501542066, **(d)** Demat Account Number IN302679-36022338 with ICICI Bank

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this day of 10/10/2022

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Taji George George & Co, Advocates**
No. 608, 'A' wing, Mittal Tower, M G Road, Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Sri. RICHARD S/o Late. Ambrose** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri. SURENDAR K.P.S S/o Late. K.P Achutty,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest, or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the northern portion of **Site No. 135,** New Katha No.282/144/4, formed in property No. 6/3, situated at **Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, **totally 1200 square feet** and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Portion of Site No. 135, North by: Road, South by: Remaining portion of same property.

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Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221

E-Open Tender Notice No:S/RWP/E/27/2022-23 dated: 18.10.2022 Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in,** for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **Sl.No. 1. Tender No.** 02225084A **Short Description of item:** SINUMERIK PCU/BEDIENTAFELFRONT **Quantity:** 06 NOS **Date of Tender Closing/ Opening:** 21.11.2022 at 14:00 Hrs. **Sl.No. 2. Tender No.** 02225089A **Short Description of item:** Diesel Operated forklift truck having capacity **Quantity:** 2 NOS **Date of Tender Closing/ Opening:** 30.11.2022 at 14:00 Hrs. **1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

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E-procurement notice

Bid document No.: OMC/e-PROC/CMC/87/2022 dated 20.10.2022

1	Work Name	Diamond Core Drilling work at Chromite Ore Leases in J.K. Road and Bangur Region of OMC Limited (through e-tendering)
2	Availability of tender documents on the e-tendering portal of Government of Odisha	Date : 21.10.2022; Time : 5.00 PM
3	Last date for sending queries to OMC	Date: 01.11.2022; Time: 5.00 PM ; queries may be sent by email to cmc@odishamining.in
4	Pre-bid meeting	Date: 03.11.2022; Time: 3.30 PM; Venue: Through VC
5	Issue of responses to pre-bid queries, addendum / corrigendum, if required	Date : 07.11.2022
6	Bid Due Date	Date : 17.11.2022; Time: 5.30 PM
7	Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	Date : 18.11.2022; Time: 11.00 AM

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the e-procurement portal of the Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in) and on the website of OMC (www.omcltd.in). OMC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

CAD-2248 :

Advisor (C&P)
OIPR-30005/11/0148/2223

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

No:- OJEE / 493 Date: 20.10.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING OJEE COUNSELLING FOR ADMISSION IN MBBS/BDS COURSES IN ACADEMIC SESSION, 2022-23

This is for information of the candidates, who have been placed in the Final State Merit List and are interested to participate in Odisha State Medical Counselling, that the online **Counselling Process for admission in MBBS / BDS Courses** for the academic session 2022-23 will **start from 21.10.2022**.

Candidates are advised to visit OJEE website (ojee.nic.in) and see the **(i) Counselling Schedule, (ii) Seat Matrix** and carefully go through the **(iii) Counselling Brochure.**

Candidates are also advised to regularly visit OJEE website for any updated notice.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE

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OIPR-14020/11/0025/2223

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MR. HARISH K S/o. Mr. B. Krishna** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **SRI. MOHANA KRISHNA.N S/o. Sri. M. Nagappa** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.6,** Katha No.4780/788, in Converted Sy.No.56/2, (converted for residential purpose Vide Conversion Order No. ALN (EBB)SR/96/2012-13, Dated: 23/10/2013, Issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) Situated at: **Margondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 40 Feet & North to South 30 Feet, **totally 1200 Sq feet,** along with residential building standing thereon and bounded on the :

East by: Private Property; West by: Road; North by: Site No.5; & South by: Site No.7

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **Mrs. R. Prema,** W/o. S. Ramesh, No.G-49, HAL Colony, Old Township, Bengaluru is the absolute owner and in possession of the property as shown in the schedule hereunder.

Recently my client leant that, some persons/s without there being any right or authority created some false documents and on the basis of alleged documents now trying to deal the property with third parties without the knowledge of my client. However my client never executed any document/s with any of the person/s.

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Advt. No. :–JCECEB/61/22 - 83 , Ranchi/Dated: 20/10/2022

Important Notice regarding Preparation of State Merit List based on the result of NEET (UG)-2022 Examination for 1st Round of Online Counselling for admission in M.B.B.S. course in Laxmi Chandravansi Medical College & Hospital, Bishrampur, Palamu

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare Department, Ranchi has earmarked 75 M.B.B.S. course seats for Laxmi Chandravansi Medical College & Hospital, Bishrampur, Palamu. Out of allocated 75 seats, 60 seats will be under Unreserved Category for NEET (UG) - 2022 qualified candidates who are resident of any region of Indian Republic including local resident of Jharkhand state and rest 15 Seats will be under NRI Quota vide letter No. 09/Namankan -02-05/2017-518 (9) dated- 14.10.2022.

The Candidates claiming for admission under the NRI Quota seats, will have to fill in a separate format and produce concerned original certificates/documents at the time of admission.

In pursuance of the above, online application forms are invited by the Board from such eligible candidates for preparation of merit list.

2. Interested candidates are requested to fill the **Application Form Online** on Board's website **http://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in** by Clicking on "Click here for All Online Application Submission – JCECEB 2022" tab by following the given directions as per the schedule given below :-

Sl.No.	Activity	Date: From	Date: To
1.	Online Application Form Submission	21.10.2022	25.10.2022
2.	Publication of Merit List	26.10.2022	

3. 1st Round of Online Counselling will be conducted (Link- "Click here for M.B.B.S. Course in LCMC & H – JCECEB 2022") as per the schedule given below:-

Sl. No.	Activity	Date
1.	Starting date of Online Registration and Choice Filling for Seat Allotment	27.10.2022
2.	Last date of Online Registration & Choice Filling for Seat Allotment	30.10.2022
3.	Seat Allotment and Downloading of Provisional Seat Allotment Letter	31.10.2022 to 04.11.2022
4.	Documents Verification and Admission in the concerned institute	31.10.2022 to 04.11.2022

4. **It is mandatory for the candidate to upload Score Card of NEET (UG)-2022.**

5. **Registration/Application and Counselling Fee:-** Candidate will have to pay Registration/ Application & Counselling Fee by Credit Card/Debit Card/Net Banking/UPI through Payment Gateway as per below which will be non-refundable:-

Sl.No.	Category/Quota	Reg./App. Fee	Counselling Fee
1.	Unreserved/EWS/BC-I/BC-II/SC/ST (For Resident of any region of Indian Republic except Local Resident of Jharkhand)	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 1,000.00
2.	Unreserved/EWS/BC-I/BC-II (For Local Resident of Jharkhand)	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 1,000.00
3.	SC/ST (For Local Resident of Jharkhand)	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 500.00
4.	Female Candidate of all category (For Local Resident of Jharkhand & Resident of any region of Indian Republic)	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 500.00
5.	Divyang of any category ((For Local Resident of Jharkhand & Resident of any region of Indian Republic)	-	Rs. 500.00

By the order of Controller of Examination,
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I, M Mueen Ahmed Perveez Residing at No 49 Old Bamboo Bazar Road Shivajinagar Bangalore 560051,declare that MUEEN AHMED & M MUEEN AHMED PERVEEZ are one & the same,vide affidavit dated 19.10.2022 before notary Ramesh D Shah

I, RONAK Manoj Badiani, S/O Manojbhai Badiani, R/O Flat No 201, Harish Residency, 2nd Cross, RJ Garden, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.KN, have changed my name as "Ronak Badiani" vide afdvt dtd 20/10/2022.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, SATHISH KUMAR B V K, R/at Banaswadi, Bang–43, have changed my daughters name from B S ANUSHREE to ANUSHREE B S, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 20–10–22, before Notary Seshagiri.B.

I, SATHISH KUMAR B V K, R/at Banaswadi, Bang–43, have changed my name from B V K SATHISH KUMAR to SATHISH KUMAR B V K, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 20–10–22, before Notary Seshagiri. B.

I, O S DURGARANI, R/at Banaswadi, Bang–43, have changed my name from DURGA RANI O S to O S DURGARANI, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 20–10–22, before Notary Seshagiri.B.

INBRIEF

M.A. SRIRAM

GTD to remain with JD(S); vows to 'bring party to power'

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Deve Gowda, who was estranged from the Janata Dal (Secular) and flip-flopped between the BJP and the Congress, announced here on Thursday that he would work "to bring the JD(S) to power".

This followed a visit by JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda to his residence in Mysuru along with senior party leaders, including the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and C.M. Ibrahim.

Ending the suspense and uncertainty about his future political move, Mr. G.T. Deve Gowda, who became emotional, announced that he would continue to remain in the JD(S) as he was "bound by the love and affection" showered by Mr. H.D. Deve Gowda.

"He has enormous love and affection for me and it has not diminished one bit though I was estranged and was away from the party activities for a few years," said Mr. G.T. Deve Gowda. "I was invited by both the Congress and the BJP but I am prepared to make any sacrifice and will remain in the JD(S) and work to bring the party to power," he added.

Foreign delegations hold talks with BEML

A host of foreign delegations held discussions with BEML's top management to explore the possibilities for partnership and exports, on Wedensday and Thursday at the ongoing 'DEFEXPO 22' in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, where BEML is a major exhibitor.

According to a release from BEML, the India-Africa Defence Dialogue was held on the sidelines of the expo with a theme 'India-Africa: Adopting strategy for synergizing and strengthening defence and security cooperation'.

A delegation from South Sudan held discussions with BEML's management to explore utilising the PSU's products for their defence requirements, the release added.

KEA set to update its 12-year-old software to get around technical glitches

Students trying to register on its portal have been facing multiple issues; manpower shortage a major setback to the Karnataka Examinations Authority, says its Executive Director

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has finally started the process of upgrading its 12-year-old software to resolve all the technical glitches that the portal is dogged by. Over the last few days, UGNEET students have faced multiple issues while trying to register.

S. Ramya, Executive Director of the KEA, said, "It will take one year to upgrade the software completely, which will resolve all the technical glitches. Further, we are planning to upgrade the software once every two years."

At a press meet on Thursday, she said, "Our website was designed on the basis of the requirements that were there in the past. But there have been many changes since. For instance, the types of reservations are the highest in our State. Most of the students come under three or four reservation categories. Fee payment is also different for boys and girls and different categories of students."

She pointed out that the KEA was also conducting counselling simultaneously for UGCET, PGCET, UGNEET, PGNEET, and other categories, which has led to overload and technical glitches. "On Thursday, we got additional data space from the State data center to resolve the problem," said Ms. Ramya.

A file photo of the CET counselling process in Bengaluru.

"This year, the National Testing Agency has provided the UGNEET eligible list without the contact number of the candidates. It created additional problems during registration. So, we requested the candidates to update their mobile numbers and generate a one-time password. However, most of the students used the wrong passwords while logging in. This too led to problems. We are catering to various professional courses for around 2.5 lakh students every year. Any small change will create major problems in the software," she explained.

Ms. Ramya said manpower shortage was also a major setback to the KEA. "We do real-time work and immediately respond to any developments. So, we need highly skilled manpower. We are offering around ₹ 1.75 lakh monthly salary for the senior programmer," she said, adding that not many were coming forward to work on a long term.

"We are planning to offer salary equivalent to that given by private companies for senior programmers. Also, we have offered students to work as junior programmers in the KEA and we will provide them government certificate," Ms. Ramya said.

"The KEA is collecting different online application fees for boys and girls for CET, NEET, and other registrations. It is also one of the major reasons for technical problems. From the next academic year, we will bring uniformity in the application fee for boys and girls for all registrations," Ms. Ramya said.

Online grievance redressal portal soon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is flooded with calls related to technical glitches. On an average, 35,000 to 40,000 calls are registered at the call centre.

"On Wednesday, we received 40,000 calls. Due to a shortage of manpower, we could not attend to so many calls. Therefore, we are planning to launch an online grievance portal within a month. Students can enter this portal using the application number and password. Students will get an auto-reply for most of the questions. If anybody seeks a detailed answer, we will reply through email," said S. Ramya, Executive Director of the KEA. Till Wednesday, 25,000 UGNEET candidates had registered on the portal. Due to technical issues, some of the candidates paid the fee more than twice. Such candidates would get a refund, she said.

Temple land lease extended by 30 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to extend the lease of 31,215 sq.ft of land given to Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Temple at J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru for a period of 30 years. The land belongs to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

This was among the decisions taken by the Cabinet which met on Thursday.

Veterinary clinics

Among the other decisions, the Cabinet gave its nod to provide services through 290 mobile veterinary clinics in various districts.

Administrative approval was given for a revised estimate of ₹347.92 crore for developing an airport at Vijayapura. The airport would be named Sri Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Airport. A ₹47.47-crore grant was approved for a check dam at Paduvari village in Byndoor taluk of Udupi district.

Approval was given to release ₹33.92 crore for the purchase of an anaesthesia workstation and patient monitoring equipment in 18 government medical colleges.

The Cabinet sanctioned Jal Jeevan Mission projects worth ₹1,505 crore in various districts for providing potable water. It sanctioned a major project worth ₹855.39 crore for Alur, Belur, Hassan, and Sakleshpur taluks, covering 1,477 villages, Law Minister Madhuswamy said.

Vendor development programme from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Trade body Kassia will organise a two-day Vendor Development Programme and Industrial Exhibition at Kassia Udyog Bhavan, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, from Friday to help MSMEs establish a connect with large enterprises, MNCs, State and Central PSUs, government agencies, and financial institutions.

The event will allow MSMEs to showcase their products to a large pool of potential customers, Kassia said.

'Only designated special court has power to question persons in judicial custody in other offences'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Only the special court designated to deal with the offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act has the power to grant permission for the Enforcement Director (ED) to question persons in judicial custody on their arrest in connection with offences alleged under other laws, said the High Court of Karnataka.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while quashing the permission granted by the 1st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru, which had on September 14 granted permission to the ED to question some of the persons arrested in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam and are currently lodged in the prisons under judicial custody.

The High Court passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Harsha D., who was working as a first-division assistant in the police recruitment wing. The petitioner, who is among the accused in the PSI scam, had questioned the permission granted by the magistrate court by rejecting his objection for granting permission to the ED to question him in the prison.

Liberty to ED

However, the High Court gave liberty to the ED to file an application before the designated special court seeking permission to question the accused persons in the PSI scam.

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ROC No. PR4/13947/Adv. No.256/ PRO/2022, Dated: 20.10.2022 — **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids vide the below mentioned Bid Enquiry No. for the following works:

No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/3818 Date: 10.10.2022

1) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/27 Replacement of 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Nagamangala sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District on PTK Basis.

2) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/28 Replacement of 1x8MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer by 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Bannangadi sub-station in K.R.Pete Taluk, Mandya District on PTK Basis.

3) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/37 Providing Additional 1X8 MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Somanahalli (KIADB) Sub-station in Maddur Taluk & Mandya District on PTK basis.

4) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/38 Providing Additional 1X12.5 MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Hampapura Sub-station in Mandya Taluk & Mandya District on PTK basis.

5) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/39 Providing Additional 1X8MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Bhogadi Sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk & Mandya District on PTK basis.

No. SEE/T (W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/3854-56 Date: 11.10.2022

6) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/ MYS/REPL/23 for Replacement of 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer-1 by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Kollegala sub-station in Kollegala Taluk and Chamarajanagara District on Partial Turnkey Basis.

7) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/ MYS/REPL/24 for Replacement of 1x8MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer by 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Sathegala sub-station in Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District on PTK Basis.

8) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/ MYS/REPL/25 for Replacement of 1x8MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer by 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Attigulipura sub-station in Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District on PTK Basis.

9) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/34 for Providing Additional 1X20 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV DR Pete Sub-station in Chamarajanagara Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on partial turnkey basis.

10) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/35 for Providing Additional 1X8 MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Gundlupete Sub-station in Gundlupete Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on PTK basis.

11) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/36 for Providing Additional 1X12.5 MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Terakanambi Sub-station in Gundlupete Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on PTK basis.

12) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/40 for Providing Additional 1X8MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kv Kothnuru Sub-station in Hanur Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on PTK basis.

13) Bid Enq. No. SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/LINE-19 for Providing LILO arrangement of 66kV Chamaraja nagara-Kabballi line at 66/11kV Sub-station Harave for a distance of 7.5Kms on TTK basis.

14) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/41 for Providing additional 1X8 MVA 66/11kv Power Transformer at Doora 66/11kv Sub-station in Mysuru Taluk & District.

No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-1/22-23/4050-52 Date: 20.10.2022

15) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/GCW/CALL-3/528/ Dt:19.10.2022 for Providing 12.1 kV, 2.9 MVAr star connected Capacitor Bank to 11kV Bank-1 Bus at 66/11kV Sub- Station Madikeri, TL&SS Division Hootagally Mysore on PTK Basis.

16) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/GCW/CALL-3/527/ Dt:19.10.2022 for Providing new Capacitor Bank of rating 12.1kV, 1X2.9 MVAR for 11KV Bank-2 along with 11kV Bay formation at 66/11kV Periyapatana MUSS on PTK Basis.

17) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/R&M/CALL-3/526/ Dt:19.10.2022, Combined Package for strengthening of 66Kv Bus by Drake ACSR at various 66/11KV Substations pertaining to Hootagally Division on TTK Basis.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-procurement-kptcl" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after For Sl. No. 1 to 14: **27.10.2022** and For Sl. No. 15 to 17: **25.10.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, El., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, I Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R. Mohalla, Mysore-570 007. Ph:0821-2455018.**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent Nos. 3 to 7
Vide order dated: 12.10.2022
R.F.A.No.726/2022

Sri K.A Chandra Raju ....Appellant
(By Sri R Omkumar, Adv., for appellant)
--V/s--
Sri Babu Raj & Ors ....Respondents
(By Sriyuths: Sona Vakkund, S Sumathi and N. Priya, Advs., for C/R-1 & R-2)

TO:
Respondents:

03. SRI M NARAYANA GOWDA S/O LATE MALLAPPA, R/O PAPANAHALLI VILLAGE, DEVANAHALLI TALUK, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

04. SRI SANAULLA KHAN S/O K.G ABDUL SAMAD KHAN R/O SATHANUR COLONY, BENGALURU POST, JALA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK.

05. SRI TIPPU S/O LATE MOHAMMED SANAULLA KHAN R/O 248D JAMIYA MASJID ROAD, ILLYAS NAGAR, J.P NAGAR, BENGALURU-560 078.

06. KUMAR GAURAV S/O ABBAIALAYAPPA R/O PAPANAHALLI VILLAGE, DEVANAHALLI TALUK, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

07. SRI SANAULLA ZULFIHAR AHMED KHAN S/O LATE MOHAMMED SANAULLA KHAN R/O #248D JAMIYA MASJID ROAD, ILLYAS NAGAR, J.P. NAGAR, BENGLAURU-560 078.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 19.02.2022 passed in OS.No.92/2014 on the file of the Prl. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC., Devanahalli.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 07.12.2022** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the **12th Day of October 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
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No.BMRCL/O&M/CSW/L1/03/2022-23 Date: 19.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Arresting of Water seepage in Plaza Building at MG Road".** Estimated Cost: **Rs.10.71 Lakhs**. Tender Security Amount: **Rs.26,781/-.** Sale period of tender documents through online: **22.10.2022 to 16.11.2022** (Till Midnight)**.** Date & time for submission of tender: **21.11.2022 (from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of Tender: **21.11.2022 (at 15.30 hrs).** Cost of tender document**: Rs.2,360/-.** Completion period**: 02 Months.** Tender can be download from BMRCL website**.** For more information visit **http://tender.bmrc.co.in**

Sd/- Executive Director (O & M)

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ–27/ಚೆಇ/2022–23/1976 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 20.10.2022

ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿದಾ/ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–27 / 2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.10.2022.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಚಿನ್ನಗಿರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ 5054–03–337–0–17–160 ಯೋಜನೆ(ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ನವೀಕರಣ) ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 200.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.10.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 31.10.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (ದೂ.: 08192 234951, 231530)
ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿಎಜಿ/554/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGCO25521)
No.952/Gadag/EE(E)/V.No/2022-23/4964 Dated: 19.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and Sub-Stations Division, Gadag:

1) Supplying of 02 No's of 11kV Current Transformers to 11kV feeder PCVCB **at 110kV S/s Shirhatti** in TL&SS Division, Gadag.

2) Supplying Fixing Testing and Commissioning of Siemens make Distance Relay of 220KV Doni line -1 **at 220KV R/s Gadag** in TL&SS Division, Gadag.

3) Supply and Fixing of CTD's for 100MVA Transformer No.1 and 2 at 220KV R/s Gadag in TL&SS Divn, KPTCL, Gadag.

4) Testing, commissioning of laying differential relay & laying of optical cable at 110KV S/s Gadag.

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **21.10.2022 at 10:00Hrs onwards. Due date: 04.11.2022 at 04:00 pm**.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Ele), TL & SS Division, KPTCL, Gadag

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS is to notify the General Public that my client, **Sri. Sudhakara Poojari,** S/o. Sri. K. Narasimha Poojari, (Mobile No. 9110670233)has lost the Registered **Sale Deed dated 14-03-2005** executed by Bangalore Development Authority represented by its Assistant Commissioner (Re-allotment & Re-sanction) in favour of **Sri. K.B. Boraiah, S/o. Late Betta gowda** & registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru vide document **No.BSG-1-07058-2004-05 and recorded in CD No. BSGD46 on 15-03-2005** held by him with respect to Scheduled Property and the said document is not traceable, if found return to the undersigned & will be rewarded

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 497** (four hundred ninety seven), **Sunkenahalli Layout,** carved out of **Gavipura Village Sy. No.3** (three) **and 69** (sixty nine), **measuring East to West 39'.0" (thirty nine) feet & North to South 20'.00" in all measuring 98 (ninety eight) sq. mtrs.** along with all rights and sub-rights whether underneath or above the surface of the site & bounded on

East by: Site No. 948/A, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 497/A & South by: Road.

NARJI A. SADANANDA, ADVOCATE,
No.41, 2nd Flr, 1st Main Rd, Nagendra Blk, BSK 1st Stage, B'lore-50 **Ph. 94805-14262**

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 18-10-2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, KALABURAGI
www.midnglb@rediffmail.com. PHONE : 08472 -220196

IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-2/2022-23/ 3264 DATED : 20-10-2022

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work : THE EXEUCTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR 4702 NEW TANK FOR THE YEAR 2021-22, 2) Amount of Estimate : MIN. Rs. 663,29,776.57, MAX. Rs. 746,61,505.71, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-1, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Tender Fee As per e-portal E.M.D. Min. Rs. 9,95,000.00, Max. Rs. 11,20,000.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : 03-11-2022 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 04-11-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 05-11-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid 07-11-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal. : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIP/Kalaburagi/748/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

Karnataka expects ₹5 lakh cr. investment from GIM: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka is expecting investments to the tune of over ₹5 lakh crore from the 2022 edition of its investment exploratory exposition, Global Investors' Meet (GIM), said Minister for Large & Medium Industries Murugesh R. Nirani.

These investments, in turn, would also create over 5 lakh jobs in various parts of the State, said the Minister while addressing a media conference here on Thursday.

The GIM would showcase the robust industrial-friendly ecosystem of Karnataka and attract investments from global industry players and spread industrialization across the State, anticipated the Minister. "We have recently completed international roadshows in Japan, South Korea, the US, and Europe, in addition to domestic roadshows in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Mumbai. Our aim is not only to get investments but to bring the industry giants under one platform," said Mr. Nirani.

The Minister said with the key themes of resilience, innovation, sustainability, and equity, his ministry was committed to setting Karnataka's development agenda in line with global best practices and showcasing the state's ability to "Build for the World." GIM, which is scheduled to be held between November 2 and 4, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, other union ministers including Smiriti Irani, Bhagwanth Khuba, and Nitin Gadkari are also expected to attend the event.

Tamil Nadu government increases spot fines for traffic violations

Now, if a motorist is found driving in a rash and negligent manner and using phone while driving, she or he will have to pay a fine of ₹1,000 for the first time and ₹10,000 for the second offence

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

Using vehicles for racing or speed trials on public roads will attract ₹5,000 in fine

The Tamil Nadu government has increased the spot fines for traffic violations in pursuance of the amendments made by the Centre.

Now, if a motorist is found driving in a rash and negligent manner and using handheld communication devices while driving or riding, she or he will have to pay a fine of ₹1,000 for the first time and ₹10,000 for the second offence.

Under the new provisions, using motor vehicles for racing or trials of speed on public roads will attract ₹5,000 in fine for the first violation and ₹10,000 for the second time. The government has issued an order revising the spot fines.

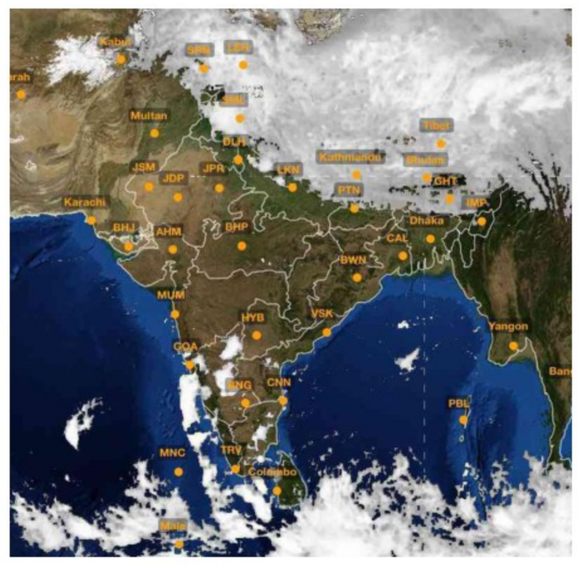
The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, given the increase in the number of vehicles across the States, has said it is inevitable to enhance the compounding fee for violations in an attempt to reduce the number of accidents. In 2019, the Centre enacted the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act and enhanced the fine amounts for certain offences punishable under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Pursuant to the amendment, the Transport Commissioner of Tamil Nadu sent a proposal to the government. The Home Department has issued a notification in its gazette revising the penalties.

Greater Chennai Police Commissioner Shankar Jiwal said the new fines would come into force from October 28 in the city. He said, "We used to impose fines of ₹100-₹500 for violations such as driving without helmet. The new provision stipulates imposition of ₹500 for non-wearing of helmet for the first time and ₹1,500 for the second offence."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	24.2	Kozhikode	16	32.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	35.7	20.1	Kurnool	0.1	34.2	24.0
Aizawl	—	—	19.0	Lucknow	—	32.6	19.8
Allahabad	—	33.6	19.4	Madurai	36	34.7	23.6
Bengaluru	60.5	28.8	19.4	Mangaluru	1.9	30.6	23.3
Bhopal	—	31.7	16.5	Mumbai	—	32.2	26.0
Bhubaneswar	—	31.7	23.6	Mysuru	82	29.7	20.0
Chandigarh	—	31.3	19.5	New Delhi	—	34.5	16.9
Chennai	38	32.3	21.3	Patna	—	30.9	22.0
Coimbatore	—	31.8	22.6	Port Blair	3	30.5	26.3
Dehradun	—	29.2	16.1	Puducherry	19.7	32.2	22.8
Gangtok	—	19.7	11.9	Pune	13.8	31.7	21.8
Goa	—	32.5	24.8	Raipur	—	31.8	21.5
Guwahati	—	32.8	21.9	Ranchi	—	27.8	17.6
Hubballi	—	28.0	21.0	Shillong	—	23.6	14.5
Hyderabad	—	30.6	20.6	Shimla	—	20.6	11.6
Imphal	—	28.7	15.3	Srinagar	23.2	—	6.9
Jaipur	—	32.8	20.6	Thiruvananthapuram	7	30.7	23.6
Kochi	16	28.4	24.4	Tiruchi	10	33.1	23.6
Kohima	—	—	11.6	Vijayawada	5	32.4	24.4
Kolkata	12	32.6	24.1	Visakhapatnam	—	32.9	26.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.48	148	.30	...172	...150	
Bengaluru	...9	..19	.42	37	...129	
Chennai	...4	..57	107	89	91	
Delhi	.26	173	.68	...278	...383	
Hyderabad	...3	..25	.44	...112	...102	
Kolkata	.17	..51	.29	...143	...118	
Lucknow	.12	..88	.47	...226	...202	
Mumbai	..—	117	.85	85	66	
Pune	.11	..18	...1	50	49	
Visakhapatnam	.21	..23	.25	90	96	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 316 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Honesty shops' inculcate virtues among students

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Moral values: Students of High School, Ramamangalam, depositing money after purchasing from the honesty shop.

The 'honesty shops' opened in nearly 15 schools in Kerala's Ernakulam district as part of the Student Police Cadet (SPC) project have gifted some valuable lessons on trust, truth and integrity for students.

There is no salesman at these counters and students can drop the money for each item in the collection box kept on a table. They can walk in, choose the item of their choice and pay for it based on the price list displayed.

Launched in 2008, the SPC project was conceived to inculcate better civic sense among students and mould them as responsible youth who will react positively to the demands of society.

"The objective of the honesty shop is to provide students a chance to experience the virtue of honesty. Though our school has CCTV facility, we have switched off the camera pointed towards the shop to instil confidence among the students. The honesty shop has mainly school-based items such as notebooks, pens, pencil boxes, erasers, chart papers and so on," said Anoob John, Community Police Officer at High School, Ramamangalam.

"The outcome has been exciting as we have re-filled the items thrice after the project was launched," he added.

Cynthia Poulose, Community Police Officer at the Government Higher Secondary School in Chowara, said they have mainly kept items priced below ₹10 at the honesty shop to encourage more students to participate in the experiment.

"We are now planning to keep handkerchiefs at the shop. The idea is to inculcate the habit of hygiene among the students along with the goal of teaching the values of trust and honesty," she said.

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001,
Ph: 080-25581383/ 25589112, Fax: 080-2558 6321
Email: contact@kspcb.gov.in Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

IFT No: PCB/390A/STORE/2022-23/1557 Dated:18-10-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through e-procurement portal)
FOR SUPPLY OF STATIONERY ARTICLES TO KSPCB
SECTION-I : INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF STATIONERY ARTICLES TO KSPCB (IFT)

1. The Member Secretary, KSPCB invites tenders from eligible tenderers for supply of Stationery articles to the Board through e- procurement platform website http:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
2. The tenderer must submit rates for all of the items given Section-V Schedule of requirement in the tender document. Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in section VII to qualify for award of contract.
3. Tender document are uploaded in e-procurement platform website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
   (or)
   The hard copy of tender document if required (and additional copies) can be purchased from the office of the Chief Finance Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, Church Street, Bangalore –560001 from: 20.10.2022 to 14.11.2022, during office hours, for a non-refundable fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only), in the form of cash or Demand Draft/ Pay Order on any Nationalized/ Scheduled bank payable at Bangalore in favour of Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit to be made through e-payment.
5. Tenders must be uploaded on the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
6. Other details can be seen in tender documents.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY
DIPR/CP/2706/GREENFMC/2022-23

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
Traffic (Com) Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTMC, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27
No.: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/2794/2022-23 Date: 20.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 14/2022-23 (e-Procurement Platform)

BMTC invites offers/bids from the interested persons through e-procurement platform for **grant of license for a period of 02 (Two) years to run the Depot canteen at various Depots/Work Shop on rent free basis.** The selected bidder has to pay **Rs. 50,000/-** towards Security Deposit & shall pay electricity charges.
Last date & time for submission of bids is on**: 14.11.2022 at 12:00 hrs.**
Opening of Financial bids is on**: 16 .11.2022 at 12:30 hrs.**
For details log on to: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 7760991026 & 7760991222 e-Mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com)

District Office, Minority Welfare Department, Tumkur
Opposite P.W.D Quartes Eidga Mohalla Main Road Tumakuru- 572102 Website:http;//dom.karnataka.gov.in/tumkur. E-mail:domtumkur@gmail.com.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Minority Welfare Department, Tumakuru invites short term tender for providing manpower services, to Minority pre/ post matric hostels, Minority Morarji Desai Residential Schools/ Colleges/District Office and information centres. **(1)** Value of work in Rs in lakhs 284.00 **(2)** Bid security in Rs in lakhs 4.26 **(3)** Bid form available from **Date: 20.10.2022 (4)** Last date for bid submission **18.11.2022.**
The work details can be obtained from e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **20.10.2022** to **18.11.2022** for more information contact District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Tumkur-572102.(0816-2273724)

Sd/- Javid.K.Karangi, District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/608/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE(C)/2022-23/3445 Date: 17.10.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders throgh e-procurement mode from the registered KPWD contractors for Execution of Capital nature of Civil Works at various places in Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Tumakuru.
For detailed information and to participate inthe tender through e-procurement mode please visit our website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.00 AM on 27.10.2022.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)
Trans (W&M), Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-2. Ph. No. 08176-2955095.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE
No: CMC/ Health Section/Municipal Fund/Man power/ 2022-23 Dated: 18.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT

2022-23 Municipal Fund tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the Class-1 Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in e-procurement the contractors / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc., www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in 1) Pre-Bid Meeting 29.10.2022 at 10.30 AM 2) Tender Last Date: 07.11.2022 TIME: 5.00 PM. 3) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 08.11.2022 TIME: 5.10 PM.4) Opening for Financial Bid will be on Date: 09.11.2022 TIME: 5.10PM OPENING PLACE OF TENDER: CMC HOSAPETE.(1) **INDENT No.CMC/HPT/MANPOWER 112 NOS/2022-23** Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 270.00 Lakh, EMD Rs. 405000.00 any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

Sd/-Assistant Executive Environmental Engineer, CMC Hosapete. **Sd/- Municipal Commissioner CMC Hosapete.**
DIPR/Vijayanagar/194/MCA/2022-23

Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura

e-Procurement Tender Notification No.: 14/ 2022-23 Date: 07.09.2022
e-Procurement Tender Postponement Notification No.: 14(1)/2022-23 Date: 12.10.2022
(Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW – IV Rules.)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender invited through e-procurement in Double Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works under 5054-03-337-075 Head of Account for the year 2022-23 in the limits of Chikkaballapura Division from authorized Contractors enrolled in appropriate class in PWD has been postponed for unavoidable reasons. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
(1) Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule – B in website: **25.10.2022 up to 16.30 hours. (2)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **27.10.2022 after 16.35 hours. (3)** Date of opening Financial Bid: **29.10.2022 after 11.30 hours (if possible). (4)** Application Fee (Non-returnable): As per e-procurement Rules.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P. R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura
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NOTIFICATION

The Department of Minorities Welfare has extended the deadline till 15.11.2022 for applying under the Vidyasiri scheme for the year 2022-23
As referred in previous notification No. **MWD/M/Vidyasiri/ CR-44/2022-23 dated 17.09.2022,** the date for submission of online applications through Seva Sindhu for students from minority communities (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Sikh, Boudha and Parsi) under Vidyasiri scheme has been extended till **15.11.2022**. Interested students of Minority communities can submit the applications with all documents online through Seva Sindhu **(https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in)**. For more details contact Department Helpdesk No. 8277799990 Department website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

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2.	J-E-16-2022-23-W	PGT Divn: PAZ, VAPM & CAN Provision of IRS Type shelters 4 bays at PAZ, 4 bays at VAPM and 2 bays at CAN (Total 10 bays) - Electrical arrangements.	16,15,448/-
3.	J-E-17-2022-23-W	Augmentation of power supply arrangements in various stations over PGT Division - Electrical Arrangements	1,36,20,718/-

Complete details & Tender Document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in** Corrigendum if any; will be notified in website only and it will not be published in newspaper.

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NOTIFICATION

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Checks, no balance

India must look at all its options with China to ensure listing of terrorists

China's decision to block two proposals by India and the United States to list Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commanders on the United Nations Security Council's 1267 terror list is part of a well-worn pattern now. Since June, New Delhi and Washington have made five such proposals, with China placing a hold on each. This includes Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar's brother Rauf Asghar and LeT leaders Abdur Rahman Makki (Hafiz Saeed's brother-in-law), 26/11 handler Sajid Mir and the latest listing requests for Talha Saeed (Hafiz Saeed's son) and Shahid Mehmood, who is charged with recruitment and collection of funds for the terror group. Each of these men has been listed as designated terrorists in India's Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act terror list as well as on the Federal Bureau of Investigation or U.S. Treasury lists. Each of them has a record of charges over the past two decades of involvement in the attacks by the LeT and JeM, organisations that are banned by the UN, and responsible for targeted strikes in India – from the IC-814 hijack, Parliament attack and Mumbai 26/11, to Pathankot, Uri and Pulwama. Even so, China's response to the requests has been consistently recalcitrant, placing hold upon hold on the proposals made, regardless of the figure it cuts in the global counter-terrorism space, using what New Delhi has forcefully criticised as a "political bias" towards Pakistan to stymie the process.

Given the situation, India has three clear choices: the Government can abandon the effort until China can be persuaded to change its stance, or it can continue to bring terror listing proposals to the UN knowing they will be blocked by China, but showing that China is indeed misusing its power as a permanent member of the Security Council. Neither route will, however, ensure India's goal of listing the remaining leadership of the terror groups. A third option is to open a diplomatic channel with China that focuses on the issue of global cooperation on terrorism, separate from other fractious bilateral issues, and to induce Beijing to reconsider its untenable position. While the last option seems the most difficult, if not impossible, it must be remembered that China was persuaded to "grey list" Pakistan at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) from 2012-2015, and from 2018 to the present, and remove its hold and allow the terror listing of Masood Azhar at the UNSC in 2019, after blocking such attempts since 2009. As Pakistan moves off the FATF grey list – as it is expected to on Friday – it is time for India to consider all its options with China to ensure justice for all the victims of the cross-border terrorism that has exacted a deep and lasting toll on the country.

Extended family

The first test for Mr. Kharge will be how he treats Mr. Tharoor

As foretold, Mallikarjun Kharge has won the contest to become the Congress president. He will take charge on October 26. The challenge of the contest would not have prepared him for his innings at the helm of the country's oldest surviving party. The party desperately needs new disruptive energy, but Mr. Kharge embodies stability at the cost of dynamism. His ageing shoulders have to carry the burden of expectations of not only the Congress workers but also of all those in India who hope the wobbling party finds its feet soon. Mr. Kharge will have to shake off the tag of being a representative of the establishment, and his starting point should be the Udaipur declaration of the party that vowed to curtail the prevalent practice of a handful of families cornering numerous political positions and open up the party to younger, diverse sets of people. His first photographs after winning the election had his son, a Congress politician, in the frame, which was bad optics. The Congress must have a fair and more balanced representation for various castes, genders, regions and professional and social backgrounds in order to be able to challenge the totalising politics of the Bharatiya Janata Party. As the new president, Mr. Kharge will have to get the Congress in fighting shape and also reach out to potential partners and the wider public by articulating a refreshed ideological and moral purpose of the party.

The three members of the Gandhi family will remain the last word in the Congress and Mr. Kharge's election is itself the latest proof of that, though an original plan to install Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at the helm went awry. While the Congress can take pride in the fact that it raised the standards of inner party democracy, attempts by several officials of the party to tilt the scale in Mr. Kharge's favour were unmistakable. Mr. Kharge's legitimacy comes from the Gandhi family, and an election process that was dignified by the erudite candidacy of Shashi Tharoor. Mr. Tharoor and his supporters have also been eloquent in reiterating their loyalty to the family throughout the process. It is in the 1,000-plus votes that Mr. Tharoor garnered that the Gandhis, Mr. Kharge and the party must look for the vitality that they sorely need. The Congress needs a range of competent leaders – those with organisational roots and experience such as a Mr. Kharge, and those with a wider appeal, and representing aspiration and change such as a Mr. Tharoor. The first test of the winner's mettle and promise will be how treats his vanquished opponent. The space for dissent and discussion must not be lost.

This Hindi – and Hindi alone – counsel is flawed

The 11th volume of the Report of the Official Language Committee submitted to the President of India on September 9, 2022, did not seem to evoke much interest in the media. Except the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, no other political leader reacted to the recommendations made.

P.D.T. Achary

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A special status

The main recommendations, as reported in a section of the print media, are that Hindi should replace English as the language of examinations for recruitment to the government; Hindi should be the only medium of instruction in Kendriya Vidyalayas, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and central universities; it should be constitutionally binding on State governments to propagate Hindi, etc. The official language committee is a statutory committee constituted under Section 4 in the Official Language Act, 1963. Its duty is to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union and submit a report to the President. The Act makes it obligatory for the President to issue directions "in accordance with the whole or any part of the report" (Section 4(4)). It can thus be seen that the committee's recommendations are required to be acted upon.

It is the special status of this committee's recommendations which is crucial to the understanding of the official language policy in India. The recommendations have a mandatory character as is clear from the words "in accordance with" (Section 4(4)).

Article 343 of the Constitution declares that Hindi in Devanagari script shall be the official language of the Union. It is common knowledge that the Constituent Assembly had witnessed a heated debate on the question of official language. The chapter on 'Official language' in the Constitution took final shape as a result of compromises made by the protagonists of diverse opinions. Finally, Hindi was declared the official language of the Union and it was also provided that the English language will continue for 15 years from the commencement of the Constitution. It was further provided that, if needed, Parliament may provide by law that English will continue even after the period of 15 years. Accordingly, Parliament enacted the official languages Act in 1963, providing for the continuance of English indefinitely as official language along with Hindi for the official purposes of the Union and for transaction of business in Parliament.

The reported recommendations of the official language committee pose a problem for the President in as much as the committee says that Hindi should totally replace English as medium of instruction in central universities, IIMs, IITs, etc. The remit of the committee is to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union and report to the President there on. Obviously the committee is not mandated to recommend the medium of instruction in universities and professional institutions. Further, since Parliament has declared by law that English shall continue along with Hindi, a statutory committee constituted under that very Act has no mandate to recommend the discontinuation of English.

> Policymakers must ensure the constitutional provision that Hindi and English shall be the official languages of the Union

Fallout in non-Hindi States

India has seen great emotional upsurge, violent protests and immolations etc. in the country's southern parts in the 1960s as a result of an attempt by the then Union government to exclude English and replace it with Hindi. So, Parliament had to provide for the continuance of English also to assuage troubled feelings in the southern region. The provision allowing English to be used indefinitely helped douse the flames. It does not require any great research to understand that the language issue has the potential to emotionally divide people. It is not a question of the willingness or the unwillingness of people of a region to learn Hindi. The issues are more complex. An example. Once Hindi replaces English, the language used in the examination for recruitment to the all India services will be Hindi alone.

Therefore, candidates from the non-Hindi States, the south in particular, will face a great disadvantage when compared to those whose mother tongue is Hindi. The result would be a gradual elimination of candidates from the non-Hindi region from the all India services. The Constitution makers anticipated this problem, which is why the Constitution provides in Article 344(3) that the commission on official language shall have "due regard to the just claims and interests of persons belonging to the non-Hindi speaking areas in regard to public services".

India has two major groups of languages – the Indo-European language group and the Dravidian language group. Hindi belongs to the former and Tamil (more ancient than Sanskrit) belongs to the latter. All the prominent languages in the Dravidian group, i.e., Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, have rich literature. However, it was English which brought the northern and southern regions together. In the Constituent Assembly, Maulana Azad had said: "we have got to admit that so far as language is concerned North and South are two different parts. The union of North and South has been made possible only through the medium of English. If today we give up English then this linguistic relationship will cease to exist".

The idea of one official language for the Union is a product of the freedom struggle which promoted Hindustani, a mixture of Hindi and Urdu. Later, when the Constitution was framed, the idea of Hindustani was given up and Hindi in the Devanagari script was adopted as the sole official language. In a country where there are two major language groups, the idea of one official language may not go far in fostering the unity of the people. It may, in the long run, give rise to serious imbalances in regional representation in the all India services as well as the personnel structure of the Union government.

A changing world requires English use

Further, since the southern States cannot decide who will rule from Delhi and influence the decision making of the Union, it is all the more necessary to address the concerns of the people of this region on account of language. Hindi is a simple and elegant language which has been given its rightful place as the official language of the Union. While doing so the Constitution makers took care to see to it that English continues to be used as an official language along with Hindi. They left it to Parliament to decide the future of English which decided, through a legislative measure, to continue with English indefinitely. The mood of the Constituent Assembly was in large measure influenced by the freedom struggle, the nationalistic fervour it generated and, above all, Gandhiji's strong advocacy of a national language for the country. That mood slowly changed over the years as India began interacting with the world. So, by the 1960s, the political class realised that English was crucial in acquiring knowledge in science and technology as well as in other fields of human activity. Therefore, Parliament decided to continue with English.

The overwhelming public opinion in the south is that English should continue as one of the official languages. Today, the Union has Hindi and English as two official languages – as in Canada which has English and French as its official languages. In these circumstances, the policymakers should seriously think of making the provision constitutionally that Hindi and English should be the official languages of the Union. We love Hindi and all other Indian languages. Therefore, all efforts should be made to ensure their natural development so as to be able to meet the requirements of modern science and technology. At the same time we need English to better understand science and the world around us and beyond.

Addressing north India's burning issue sustainably

The monsoon has receded, and North India is bracing for a smoggy winter. And with that the feverish focus on crop stubble burning has returned to India's public discourse. Like each year, discussions have begun on how bad this year's stubble burning season will likely be and what potential ad hoc techno-fixes could solve the issue – in the short term.

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A problem that is historic

We will soon read in-depth analyses of satellite image-derived counts of the number of fires observed on each day, and source apportionment studies that determine the exact contribution of stubble burning to poor air quality. The purportedly apathetic farmer who cares little about the well-being of Delhi's urban citizenry will be held to a high standard of environmental stewardship, and the inevitable political mudslinging will follow soon. However, this heated public discourse adopts an unhelpful adversarial frame to a complex challenge. The problem is a historic one that cannot be fixed with short-term, unsustainable solutions.

The root cause of stubble burning can be traced back to the 1960s-70s, when to meet the urgent challenge of feeding its rapidly growing population, India introduced several measures as part of its Green Revolution. The Green Revolution transformed the way agriculture was practised, especially in Punjab and Haryana. The economics of high-yielding varieties of paddy and wheat, supported by a guaranteed buyer (the government) and minimum support prices led to a crop duopoly oriented solely around increasing caloric intakes, supplanting the earlier diversity of crops grown in the region.

Further policy moves in subsequent decades, which included the introduction of subsidies for electricity and fertilizers, and ease of access for credit in agriculture only served to cement this duopoly. But this transition to a two-crop agricultural praxis, while filling godowns and feeding mouths, has been depleting the water table, increasing pesticide and fertilizer use exponentially. It has also led to the consolidation of small farms into larger landholdings.

> The issue of crop stubble burning cannot be addressed in a silo and using short-term, unsustainable solutions

In an attempt to address the growing water crisis, the Punjab and Haryana governments introduced laws around water conservation, encouraging farmers to look to the monsoon rather than groundwater to irrigate their crops. The shortened harvesting season that arose resulting from a not clearly thought-out policy move brought about the need for farmers to rapidly clear their fields between the kharif and rabi crops; the quickest of these ways was to burn off the remaining stubble post-harvest.

The repercussion of stubble burning is felt all through the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP) airshed, where what is burned in Punjab and Haryana has an impact on air quality all the way down to Bihar and West Bengal. With studies showing a large contribution of stubble burning emissions on winter air quality in the National Capital Region, the demand for governments to act on this seemingly avoidable practice translated initially into a criminalisation of the act.

No significant improvement

More recently, however, with concerted focus on the subject, a series of short-term ex-situ and in-situ solutions have been rolled out by the Union and State governments. In-situ solutions include happy seeders and bio-decomposers, while the ex-situ solutions include collecting and using stubble as fuel in boilers, to produce ethanol, or to simply burn away alongside coal in thermal power plants. Economic incentives to reduce burning have also been tested with limited success. With crores invested in these solutions over the last five years, we have yet to see any significant improvement in the situation.

Meaningful steps that are needed

Driven largely by short-term thinking, these techno-fixes or alternative uses work at the margins, without addressing the root cause. As pointed out in a recent article, the entire value-chain of agriculture in the region needs to change if air quality, water, nutrition, and climate goals are to be addressed. In practical terms, this means substantially reducing the amount of paddy being grown in the region and replacing it with other crops that are equally high-yielding, in-demand, and agro-ecologically suitable such as cotton, maize, pulses and oil seeds. It will also require building trust with farmers to ensure they are seen as partners (rather than perpetrators) and providing them the financial support necessary.

At a policy level, it also requires recognising that agriculture, nutrition, water, the environment, and the economy are all deeply intertwined in the era of the Anthropocene. One cannot be addressed in a silo without having second and third order effects on the other. Therefore, taking the long view on this would also mean establishing a mechanism for intersectoral policymaking that aligns our goals for sectoral policy within the broad frame of sustainable development we wish to follow.

A transition at this scale has not been witnessed since the Green Revolution, but it is what is required if we are to address stubble burning in the long run. Fostering the conditions necessary for such a transition is complex. Whether our institutions have the right mix of political will and professional skill to do so remains to be seen.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress president

Congress veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge may have won the Congress presidential election. But in all probability this is likely to be a "winner's curse" for him as the Grand Old Party's chances of winning are very slim in the State elections ahead or even in the 2024 national election. Shashi Tharoor must be well aware of this. In fact, the development is quite akin to the situation in respect of Rishi Sunak's loss in the British prime ministerial party polls and the travails of the (now former) British Prime Minister Liz Truss.
This is a " castling " move by the Congress headquarters to protect the future heir and chances are high that Mr. Kharge will be made the sacrificial lamb after those elections; he will have to yield pole position. Mr. Tharoor can take inspiration from the quote "Throw me to the wolves and I will return leading the pack" (by Seneca).
Sunil Kolangara,
Bengaluru

The defeat of Shashi Tharoor takes one back to the time when he lost the battle for Secretary General of the United Nations. The way he has conducted himself in the aftermath of this election shows his maturity and courage to face his loss. The result is an affirmation of the fact that the Gandhis will rule the roost, with the elected president playing second fiddle. As the saying goes, nice guys come second.
Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

Mr. Kharge's win is also a victory for internal democracy in the Congress. The new President should empower the State units and enable the free exchange of views to make decision making more inclusive. Internal feuds and exits are what constitute the challenges for Mr. Kharge.
R. Pichumani,
Thippirajapuram, Tamil Nadu

China's move

It is quite obvious that China would block attempts by India and the U.S. to designate a Pakistan-based terrorist, as Pakistan is a crucial player for China. But how can a country which is encouraging such acts maintain its position in the United Nations?
Madhusree Guha,
Kolkata

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Should Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians be given SC status?

Sukhadeo Thorat

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PARLEY

Recently, the Union government formed a three-member Commission of Inquiry headed by former Chief Justice of India, Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, to examine whether Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalits who have over the years converted to religions other than Sikhism and Buddhism. In a conversation moderated by **Abhinay Lakshman**, Sukhadeo Thorat and Subhajit Naskar discuss the question. Edited excerpts:

Professor Thorat, what is the argument for the inclusion of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians in the SC category?

Sukhadeo Thorat: The reservation policy is different from the policies we have for the poor. Some groups are discriminated against based on their race, colour, gender, ethnicity, caste, or religion and are therefore denied equal opportunities. So, special policies are developed for them to protect them against discrimination.

Although the Hindu SCs are accorded reservation, in 1956 Dalits who had converted to Sikhism were given reservation, and in 1990 Dalits who had converted to Buddhism were also given reservation. So, it is not only the Hindu 'untouchables', but also the 'untouchable' converts to Sikhism and Buddhism who are provided protection against discrimination. But Sikhism and Buddhism are considered a part of Hinduism in the Constitution for specific purposes.

There is a demand that Dalits who converted to Christianity and Islam should also be given reservation. I think all groups which are discriminated on the basis of their identity should be provided protection by law against such discrimination. Dalit Christians have been asking for reservation for almost 20 years now. The churches in India set up a committee, studied the discrimination these people face, and found that they live in a separate locality in the village and face discrimination in churches and in accessing Christian educational institutions and getting employment in these institutions. Limited evidence has been provided for Dalit Muslims too.

Professor Naskar, what is the argument for denying them SC status?

Subhajit Naskar: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar said untouchability is holding back Hindu Dalits and so they need protection. Now, Islam and Christianity are very different from Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism. They are Abrahamic traditions and have water-tight religious segments. Nowhere does the Quran or the Bible mention untouchability or a caste hierarchy unlike texts in Hinduism, which mention the Varna system. The Constitution provides for reservation on the basis of the experiences of those within the Hindu framework. Now, you could ask, what about Dalit Buddhists and Dalit Sikhs? The tenets of Buddhism are different from Abrahamic tenets. Once we start interpreting religions through government-appointed commissions, it will lead to a communal discussion. And as regards the backwardness of Dalit Christians and Muslims, there is already reservation in the State OBC (Other Backward Classes) and Central OBC lists. In fact, from 27% reservation for OBCs, why do they want to shift to 15% SC reservation? But having said this, I will say there must be separate religious minority reservation where Dalit Christians and Muslims can be accommodated.

In search of emancipation: Dalits embracing Buddhism in Shorapur in Karnataka. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

But what about growing literature that defines caste not as a feature of any single religion but as that of civilisations across the Indian subcontinent?

SN: You could argue that caste-based hierarchies entered other religions. But when it comes to constitutional allotment of SC reservation, that argument cannot be a basis. These are religious minorities who converted to these religions in the hope of getting into an egalitarian emancipatory framework and did not. Within the Muslim or Christian communities, the discrimination is not what we can call untouchability; these are ethnic differences and segregations. P. Sanal Mohan, in *Modernity of Slavery*, talks about struggles against caste inequality in colonial Kerala and their tryst with Christianity. The experiences the converts had within Christianity were different from the experiences of the Dalits within the Hindu or the Buddhist fold.

Professor Thorat, considering that besides caste discrimination, converts might also face other forms of discrimination because of internal hierarchies within the new religion, what kinds of discrimination should the Justice K.G. Balakrishnan Commission consider while making recommendations?

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> SUKHADEO THORAT

ST: Let me first clarify the point raised by my colleague. I think there is no theological difference between Buddhism and Sikhism, on the one hand, and Christianity and Islam, on the other, to the extent that all the four religions believe in equality. Yes, the 'untouchables' who converted to Buddhism and the 'untouchables' who converted to Sikhism have faced caste discrimination and have therefore been given reservation. So, it was accepted that although both the religions believe in equality, the 'untouchables' faced discrimination even after conversion. There was evidence that both 'high caste' and 'low caste' people converted to Buddhism and Sikhism and the 'high caste' converts continued to practise discrimination. If that is the case with Buddhism and Sikhism, there is no reason to say this does not happen in Christianity and Islam. If there is discrimination, segregation, some sort of untouchability, these people need protection against discrimination. If the Constitution guarantees equality before law, equal opportunity, principle of non-discrimination, and if discrimination continues after conversion, it is an obligation in the context of the Constitution to provide protection in whichever form you want to provide – reservation and law.

Now, if the Supreme Court has asked the government to set up a committee, the committee's objective should be to find out whether 'untouchables' who converted to Christianity and Islam face caste discrimination. If there is no evidence, there is no case for reservation. But if they face discrimination from high caste Muslims and Christians, you have to provide them protection. So, I would suggest that this Commission undertake a study and see the forms of discrimination faced by converted 'untouchables' to Islam and Christianity. And then see whether they face discrimination in the land market, labour market, education, etc. and this affects their poverty, income, employment. Then there will be a proper database for the government to take a call or not for integration.

Professor Thorat, you spoke of the discrimination faced by converts within their new religious framework. But what about the discrimination that such converts continue to face from Hindus who are aware of their caste identity? Should the Commission also consider this?

ST: You're right. In Tamil Nadu, 'untouchables' who converted to Christianity live in segregated localities along with those of 'untouchable' Hindus. So, they face discrimination not only from caste Christians, but also from caste Hindus. We have less information about converts to Islam because that is old conversion. But the 'untouchable' converts also face caste discrimination by 'high caste' converts to Islam and high status Muslims, such as Khans. So, they face double discrimination, of caste and religion, within Islam.

Professor Naskar, what aspects should the Commission consider when looking at the possible impact of inclusion on existing SC communities?

SN: Probably one needs the Supreme Court or the government to have a bigger Commission which can deliberate upon whether these two religions have a framework of hierarchy, which is along the line of caste or caste-based hierarchies. Additionally, the 'Dalitness' of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians needs to be socio-anthropoligically proved because SCs are not a religious category, but historically depressed classes are being added to the SC list. If nothing of that sort exists in these two religions, then it gives birth to a different kind of question, of whether then there can be a demand within this reservation framework.

A large part of the debate has focused on whether Dalit Christians and Muslims should be included under the SC category. But a large part of the demand is also inclusion in the SC list so they can be protected under the SC and the ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

ST: Whether they will require legal protection or they will be included in the Prevention of Atrocities Act will depend on the nature of discrimination that the Commission should determine. I am in favour of separate laws against discrimination and separate reservation, and not a part of the SC only.

SN: In the wake of atrocities on Muslims and Christians they should be protected under a minority protection law along the lines of the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

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NOTEBOOK

The importance of understanding many tongues

The more languages reporters speak or understand, the more sources they have access to

Sobhana K. Nair

The Official Language Committee, headed by Home Minister Amit Shah, recently submitted its report to President Droupadi Murmu. It recommended that Hindi be made the medium of instruction in Central institutions of higher education in Hindi-speaking States and regional languages in other States. This has reignited a debate on the imposition of Hindi.

This debate brings to mind the importance for a reporter to speak various languages. Language is a potent tool for a journalist to start a dialogue and build camaraderie with interviewees in order to get a good story.

There are 22 official languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Most Indians speak two or three languages with relative ease. I am envious of people, especially reporters, who can converse in five or six languages. If a reporter speaks more languages, she simply has access to more sources.

Unfortunately, I am fluent in only three – English, Hindi, and Malayalam. Malayalam came in handy when I, as a crime reporter in Delhi, had to tap into the vast police circle of Malayalis who were deployed to tackle the mountains of paperwork at police stations. I can also follow Bangla and Punjabi enough to get by. Without understanding Bangla, it would be nearly impossible for me to sit through hours of briefings at the Delhi office of the Trinamool Congress, where parliamentarians often break into Bangla, especially when they want to share a story of import. Knowing a line or two of Tamil has helped me initiate many conversations and cajole laconic sources to part with crucial details.

Whether we are comfortable or not, there is really no option for reporters other than trying to understand the language of the people being reported. Recently, a colleague from Kerala, who speaks fluent Hindi, complained about the hours of painstaking translation of Punjabi and Haryanvi he had to do to piece together a story on the agricultural crisis in Punjab and Haryana. While there is always the option of taking help from someone on the ground, a reporter will still have to trust the translator's ability to both translate and communicate the essence of the dialogue.

I can't imagine doing any ground reporting without knowing the language. Not only does the failure to decipher what the person is saying affect the story; it also becomes funny when communication is through wildly extravagant hand gestures and leads nowhere. Also, the best election stories don't come from reporters who relentlessly question respondents on electoral choices, but from the debates that voters have among themselves. If a reporter provokes the crowd and suitably places herself in the crowd to hear the argument, she will get the true picture.

Now, coming back to Hindi. How do we define "Hindi-speaking States"? There are many different dialects even in the so-called Hindi-speaking States. Most people would agree that the Hindi spoken in Delhi is vastly different from the Hindi spoken in Patna. I am not even wading into the Hindi versus Bhojpuri or Maithili debate here. Further, the tone, tenor and syntax of Hindi changes from region to region. It makes a reporter's job much easier and endears her to the public if she is able to embrace their version of Hindi.

An enduring regret from my trips to rural India is my incapability sometimes of having freewheeling conversations with the women. I distinctly recall a trip to Sikar in Rajasthan where I could not understand the women as they spoke a dialect of Hindi that I was completely unfamiliar with. I still rue the fact that I failed to get their voices in my reportage.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY

Pokkali paddy in troubled waters

A woman harvests the saltwater-tolerant Pokkali paddy, which saw a good yield this year, at her field in Kadamakkudy island near Kochi in Kerala. Pokkali is an ancient farming practice where one season of rice farming is alternated with another season of fish culture. Rice farming and fish farming are mutually complementary. As a person has to stand in waist-deep water to harvest the mature paddy stalks, it is tough to get workers to do the job. With labour becoming an issue and shrimp farmers gaining an upper hand, the area under cultivation has receded from some 25,000 hectares about a quarter century ago to some 4,000 hectares now. After Pokkali farmers moved the Kerala High Court against shrimp cultivators disrupting the crop calendar, the court intervened to protect the rare paddy variety. The Pokkali rice cycle is from April 15 to November 15 with shrimp and fish farmers occupying the fields in the remaining period. But with fish farmers upsetting the cycle, there is widespread fear that Pokkali may be facing the threat of extinction. Thulasi Kakkat

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 21, 1972

CIA stole Soviet Sputnik to examine it

Washington, Oct. 20: The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States stole the Soviet Sputnik to examine it minutely while it was on a world tour in 1958, says Mr. Patrick J. McGarvey, a former intelligence agent, in a book he has written. In his book "CIA - the Myth and the Madness," which is critical of the Agency, Mr. McGarvey relates: "The sputnik on display was stolen for three hours by a CIA team which completely dismantled it, took samples of its structure, photographed it, re-assembled it and returned it to its original place undetected." The country where this occurred, Mr. McGarvey told a reporter, was mentioned in the 100 lines which the CIA cut out when he submitted his manuscript to it. Review by the CIA was required under the secrecy agreement signed by him when he joined the Agency, he said. Information which Mr. McGarvey says he is revealing for the first time include: (a) Intelligence bickering nearly provoked Chinese entry into the Vietnam war in 1966; (b) Richard Helms, CIA Director, taps the phones of his subordinates; (c) the ill-fated Pueblo mission and capture by North Korea was unnecessary since all the targets it was working against were already adequately covered by other intelligence sources. The CIA had no comment on Mr. McGarvey's book.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 21, 1922

Plants to fight mosquitoes

According to investigation carried out by Dr. Arturo Caballero, professor of Botany in the University of Barcelona, in the summer of 1919-1920, mosquito larvae die in any water where the plant known as Chara foetida is found. The larvae die quicker if they are young and those fresh from the egg do not last over an hour. These laboratory experiments were later tried out in the field. Caballero suggested at first that the larvae died because of the film formed on the surface of the water by the plant in question, but further experiments showed that they also died if the film was removed. He suggested, therefore, that the death of the larvae is produced by some toxic substance segregated by the chara plants.

From Page One

Liz Truss announces exit; U.K. to get new PM

Speaking later to the press, Mr. Graham was asked whether he would accept that the whole situation was a "dog's dinner". "It's certainly not a circumstance that I would wish to see," he said.

Ms. Truss's departure is the final blow to the current government, which has seen several high profile resignations in recent days. Former Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng was compelled to step down last Friday following a botched mini-budget that had rattled markets.

Just on Thursday, Home Secretary Suella Braverman had resigned, ostensibly because she had not followed security protocols while sending an email. However in her publicly posted letter she had said that she had "concerns" about the government's "direction".

Also on Thursday, were chaotic scenes in the British Parliament, with reports of Tory leaders allegedly manhandling MPs in an attempt to make them support the government during a vote on fracking that had been introduced by Labour. In all of this , there was also confusion about whether the Conservative Chief Whip and Deputy Whip had resigned (it was later confirmed that they had not). Shortly after Ms. Truss's resignation was announced on Thursday, reports emerged that former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was planning a return to No.10. Mr. Johnson believed it was in the "national interest", *The Times* reported. It was Mr. Johnson being ousted from office in early July that had set off a contest through August that brought Ms. Truss to her leadership role after she won a majority of the some 1,60,000 votes from Conservative members.

Several Tory MPs tweeted their support for Mr. Johnson on Thursday afternoon, citing the fact that he was the only one who had won a general election and had a nationwide mandate.

The names of several contenders from the August race resurfaced on Thursday – including former Chancellor Rishi Sunak. However, Mr. Sunak had resigned from Mr. Johnson's Cabinet, unlike Ms. Truss, who had stayed on as Foreign Secretary. Mr. Sunak's "disloyalty" to Mr. Johnson was a factor in his loss to Ms. Truss in the summer and it is a challenge he will still need to overcome in any intra-party contest. Other names doing the rounds on Thursday included Leader of the House of Commons Penny Mordaunt, Ms. Braverman, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and International Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch.

Pitching the notion that Labour would form a stable government, the party's leader Kier Starmer said on Thursday that the Conservative party had done "huge damage" to the reputation of the country and that the public were dealing with higher prices and mortgages.

Panel imposes ₹1,338-cr. penalty on Google

The Commission said in relation to app stores, the demand came from smart device OEMs, app developers and end users. From this perspective, it found that there was no substitutability between Google's Play Store and Apple's App Store; and concluded the primary and the most significant factor in the mind of an end user was hardware specification and device price.

Based on its findings, the CCI found Google to be "dominant in all the above mentioned relevant markets". The CCI said the Mobile Application Distribution Agreement (MADA) ensured that the most prominent search entry points i.e. search app, widget and chrome search browser were installed on Android devices. It also allegedly secured significant competitive edge over its competitors, in relation to another revenue-earning app, YouTube. The CCI concluded that the mandatory pre-installation of entire Google Mobile Suite under MADA and their prominent placement amounted to imposition of unfair condition on the device manufacturers.

'Congress used tribal people for votes, neglected welfare'

In Gujarat, Prime Minister Modi hits out at the Opposition party for 'insulting' tribal traditions and culture while highlighting development work done by the BJP government for the community

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday slammed the Congress for "making fun" of tribal traditions and culture, exhorting members of the tribal community to not forget the "insult" and teach the party a lesson.

He was addressing a rally in the tribal Vyara district of south Gujarat after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for various projects in the tribal-dominated Tapi district.

This is the third rally in two days that the Prime Minister addressed in his home State of Gujarat ahead of the Assembly election due to be held in December.

On Wednesday, he launched development work and addressed rallies in Junagadh and Rajkot. He also led a roadshow in the commercial capital Saurashtra.

Mr. Modi, in his political outreach to tribals, said the Congress party never respected them and used the community only for votes while neglecting their welfare.

Poll pitch: Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a function in Vyara district of Gujarat on Thursday. PTI

False promises

The Prime Minister said the country had various tribal "sons and daughters" in important posts, citing the examples of President Droupadi Murmu and Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel.

"You have seen the past governments. Now, compare the Congress governments of the past with the present BJP-led governments in different States. The Congress governments never thought about your future and they would just work for winning elections. Before the polls they used to make false promises, but after elections they would forget them instead of honouring the commitments," he said.

He added that the BJP governments at the State or at the Centre had always given top priority to the development of tribals across the country.

Road connectivity

The Prime Minister highlighted development work like road connectivity to villages and pockets dominated by the tribal communities or schools in those pockets for their children built by the BJP government.

"You have to teach the Congress party a lesson for not respecting your culture and traditions," he said, adding that the Congress leaders even mocked him when he wore a tribal jacket or a headgear.

Spearheading the BJP's campaign in the State, the Prime Minister has been holding rallies and roadshows while launching new projects as the State prepares for the crucial Assembly election in which the ruling BJP is seeking a fresh mandate. So far, he has held 18 rallies and 10 roadshows across the State.

Committed to press freedom, U.S. says on Mattoo's travel block

Sriram Lakshman

The U.S. State Department has said it is tracking the story of Pulitzer Prize-winning Kashmiri journalist Sanna Irshad Mattoo being prevented from boarding a New Delhi-New York flight on October 17 to collect her award. The U.S. also said it supported press freedom and that democratic values were the basis of the India-U.S. relationship.

Ms. Mattoo, a 28-year-old photojournalist, who won a Pulitzer Prize for her coverage of COVID-19 in India in 2020, announced on Twitter that she had been stopped at Delhi airport from boarding her flight despite having a valid ticket and U.S. visa. Other journalists who won the prize along with Ms. Mattoo were Adnan Abidi, Amit Dave and the late Danish Siddiqui, all from *Reuters*. The other two journalists who are not from Kashmir, were, as per reports, allowed to board their flight.

"Being able to attend the award ceremony was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me," she had written. Ms. Mattoo had been stopped from travelling to Paris in July for a photography exhibition as a winner of the Serendipity Arles grant 2020.

"... We are aware of the reports of Ms. Mattoo being prevented from travelling to the U.S. and are tracking these developments closely. We are committed to supporting press freedom," Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said at the Department's press briefing on Wednesday.

"And as the Secretary has noted, a shared commitment to democratic values, including the respect for the independence of press, is a bedrock of the U.S.-India relationship," Mr. Patel said, adding that he did not have specific information to share apart from the fact that the U.S. was tracking developments "closely".

Other activists and journalists have faced difficulty in recent months while attempting to depart India to attend international events. Government officials have repeatedly denied that there is crackdown on its critics and that agencies are acting independently.

'Remarks by journalist against ex-PM outrageous'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram has threatened legal action against journalist Tavleen Singh for her comments on Wednesday night on a TV show accusing former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of violating the Official Secrets Act to show crucial files to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi.

In a debate hosted on *India Today* , Ms. Singh said, "Don't forget we are dealing with a lady who could make the Prime Minister of India break the Official Secrets Act ... she was no one in the government, to send her secret files."

Reacting to the exchange, Mr. Chidambaram, in a series of tweets without naming Ms. Singh, termed her statement "wild and outrageous". "We challenge her to prove her wild and irresponsible charge against the former Prime Minister," he said.

Malpractice charge by Tharoor's team is baseless: Mistry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a stinging rebuttal to Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor's team for questioning the fairness of the Congress presidential poll, Central Election Authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry on Thursday accused the former's team of being "double-faced" and called the charge of voting malpractice as "imaginary and baseless".

Mr. Mistry made a point by point rebuttal to the issues raised by Mr. Tharoor's chief election agent Salman Soz in a letter on Tuesday. His response was based on a detailed report prepared by pradesh returning officer Rameshwar Dudi and All India Congress Committee (AICC) secretary Pranav Jha.

"You say in your letter that 'we kept quiet in the party's interest and we saw unjust and unfair treatment that prevented us from operating on a level playing field'. We satisfied you on every complaint you made to us and you agreed to all of them and expressed that you're satisfied, despite that you raised all those points in the media before bringing them to our notice," Mr. Mistry told Team Tharoor.

Madhusudan Mistry

On October 18, a day after voting, Mr. Soz had lodged an official complaint regarding the use of unofficial seal in the ballot boxes, presence of unofficial persons in polling booths, voting malpractices, presence of AICC secretaries and the absence of polling sheets.

Congress slams Modi govt. for 'free fall' of rupee

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday hit out at the Narendra Modi government over the "free fall" of the rupee and accused it of being in constant election mode instead of focussing on economic issues.

"The rupee again reached a record low of ₹83 against the dollar, noting that it can prove to be "very dangerous" for India's economy. Finance Minister said that the rupee is not weakening, the dollar is getting stronger. Mere statements will not work, the central government will have to take concrete steps soon," tweeted Congress president-elect Mallikarjun Kharge.

Addressing a press conference, Congress spokesperson Anshul Avijit accused the Centre of being "clueless" about macroeconomic management and termed its handling of the economy as "inept".

INBRIEF

Congress uses Dalits as scapegoats, says Mayawati

After the Congress elected Mallikarjun Kharge, a leader from the Dalit community as its national president, BSP supremo Mayawati on Thursday targeted the party alleging that it makes Dalits "scapegoats" during tough times. The BSP leader said the history of the party is of neglecting the downtrodden community and its leaders like B.R. Ambedkar. She said the party promotes non-Dalit persons when it is in power, but when it is out of power it puts Dalits at the forefront.

Centre notifies updated accessibility guidelines

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry this week notified the revised accessibility guidelines and standards for public buildings and spaces, superseding the earlier set of rules. The Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India 2021 were notified by the Ministry on Tuesday, replacing the Harmonised Guidelines 2016. The guidelines cover the standards for items like ramps and grab rails, as well as guidance for issuing tenders and planning projects with accessibility in mind.

'Join Bajrang Dal' campaign launched to enrol youth

On the lines of 'Join RSS', its affiliate organisation Bajrang Dal on Thursday launched the 'Join Bajrang Dal' campaign across India. Office-bearers say that youth in the age group of 15 to 35 can join the Bajrang Dal and the target is to enrol at least a million members across India in the months to come. Vishva Hindu Parishad's secretary general Milind Parande, while launching the campaign in Delhi, said that it will help the youth make proactive contributions to the cause of protection, preservation and promotion of the '*Desh-Dharma-Sanskriti*'.

A new initiative in Chhattisgarh is helping prisoners get out of the legal maze swiftly

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Over 450 prisoners have walked free in Chhattisgarh after Lok Adalats – a first of its kind initiative anywhere in the country according to authorities – were set up in jails across the State on October 15.

The Adalats will be held every working Saturday and provide relief to undertrials, and in some cases convicted prisoners, by explaining their rights and legal options such as plea bargaining and settlement.

Justice Goutam Bhaduri of the Chhattisgarh High Court, who is also the Executive Chairman of the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), visited the Central Jail in Raipur and launched these Lok Adalats at all prison complexes simultaneously through the virtual mode.

To new beginnings: Justice Goutam Bhaduri giving a sapling to a freed prisoner at the Raipur jail. SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR

According to Praveen Mishra, Secretary, Raipur District Legal Services Authority or DLSA, the objective of the exercise is swift disposal of cases and also to reduce the congestion in various jails.

There are over 20,000 prisoners lodged in various jails in Chhattisgarh, against a sanctioned capacity of 14,000, says Director General (Prisons) Sanjay Pillay. Of these, nearly 12,500 are undertrials, he adds.

Mr. Mishra says that while hearing a *suo motu* writ petition in the case of *Sonadhar Vs State of Chhattisgarh*, the Supreme Court sought suggestions to reduce overcrowding in jails. "Earlier this year, the Hon'ble SLSA of Chhattisgarh came up with the suggestion of Lok Adalats. The suggestion was accepted by the Supreme Court and it issued directions in this regard," he says.

All undertrials, who have been named in offences in the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.PC) that are heard by a judicial magistrate - such as petty theft, house trespass, and cheating, are eligible for hearing in these Adalats. Additionally, those who have been arrested under preventive provisions for offences such as brawl or violation of special laws such as Excise Act or Railways Act are also eligible.

BJP, AAP announce all candidates for Himachal election

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

The BJP on Thursday released its second list of remaining six candidates for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, while the Congress announced names of 17 more candidates for the polls.

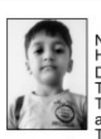
With the announcement of the six candidates, the BJP has declared its candidates for all 68 Assembly constituencies. The BJP has denied candidature to 11 MLAs including a Cabinet Minister and has shifted constituencies of two Ministers. The move is being seen as an attempt to 'offset' the anti-incumbency factor against the ruling government as the party is fighting to retain power in the hill State.

The Congress, which had released its first list of 46 candidates, announced candidates' names for 17 Assembly seats. The party is yet to announce candidates for five constituencies.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is seeking 'a chance' from voters in Himachal Pradesh against the traditional parties also announced the names of 10 remaining candidates. With its latest list, the party has declared candidates for all constituencies.

Himachal Pradesh has a 68-member State Assembly, elections for which are slated to be held on November 12.

APPEAL



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Army's 4th round of emergency procurement to be from India

Army chief Gen. Manoj Pande says the domestic industry has risen to the challenge of meeting defence demands

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

Indian pavilion: Visitors viewing exhibits at the Defence Expo 2022 in Gandhinagar. VIJAY SONEJI

The Army, which has made three tranches of Emergency Procurements (EP) in the last few years, is preparing for a fourth round of EP which will be entirely from the domestic industry, Army chief Gen. Manoj Pande said on Thursday. He also said that in the next seven to eight years, orders worth ₹8 lakh crore could be placed with Indian industry.

"Emergency Procurements are done to address critical operational requirements. Three tranches of EPs were executed under which 68 contracts worth ₹6,000 crore were placed. We are now in the 4th EP for indigenous equipment. Our industry has risen to the challenge," Gen. Pande said speaking on the sidelines of the DefExpo-2022. "We also need to indigenise to modernise. It should not be seen as an impediment, but as an opportunity."

Emergency financial powers were granted to the armed forces by the Defence Ministry in the past under which they could procure weapons systems up to ₹300 crores on an "urgent basis without any further clearances to cut short the procurement cycle." Gen. Pande said the EP also gives them an opportunity to test various systems in the field before going in for larger acquisition through the capital budget route.

The Russia-Ukraine war taught us lot of lessons, the Army Chief said on becoming self-reliant. Not just maintenance and spares but also in terms of new acquisitions. He said the Army was working on indigenisation of ammunition while looking for alternate sources with regard to spares.

Elaborating on efforts in this direction, Gen. Pande said in the last three to four years indigenous contracts have grown almost three times. Last year, Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for various contracts to the tune of ₹40,000 crore were issued from the domestic industry.

"Similarly, last year, Army signed contracts with indigenous industry to the tune of ₹47,000 crore. In the next 7-8 years, contracts worth about ₹7-8 lakh crore could be placed with Indian industry. So in terms of a viable market, there is great potential in the industry...." Gen Pande said. He said priority areas for indigenisation are intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, mobility solutions in forward areas, special armaments like loitering munitions and artificial intelligence.

Interpol launches metaverse for global law enforcement

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Interpol on Thursday unveiled the first-ever 'metaverse' specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide, at its ongoing 90th General Assembly in Delhi.

The Interpol metaverse allows the registered users to take a virtual tour of its General Secretariat headquarters in France's Lyon, interact with other officers via their avatars, and even take training courses in forensic investigation and other policing skills, it said.

The facility is being provided through the global police organisation's secure cloud. "For many, the metaverse seems to herald an abstract future, but the issues it raises are those that have always motivated Interpol – supporting our member countries to fight crime and making the world, virtual or not, safer for those who inhabit it," said Interpol Secretary-General Jürgen Stock.

In a follow-up panel discussion, the Interpol also announced the creation of an expert group on the metaverse to represent the concerns of law enforcement on the global stage and ensure that the new virtual world was secure by design. During a live demonstration, experts from the Interpol Capacity Building and Training Directorate delivered a training course on travel document verification and passenger screening using its capabilities in a metaverse classroom.

Austrian team thanks CBI for busting call centre fraud

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On the sidelines of the Interpol General Assembly, the Austrian delegation has appreciated the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials for prompt action against a call centre through which foreign nationals were being duped by persons posing as law enforcement and Europol officers.

Owing to the investigation, there was a drastic reduction in the cases of frauds in Austria and its neighbouring countries, the delegation said. Acting on the inputs received from some countries, the CBI had recently registered a case and searched a call centre in Delhi's Shadi Khampur village that had been targeting foreigners.

IAF and HAL conclude ₹6,800-crore contract

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

The Indian Air Force and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on Thursday concluded a ₹6,800-crore contract for 70 HTT-40 indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft. In all, 451 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), transfer of technology agreements and product launches took place during the *Bandhan* ceremony at the 12th DefExpo. It envisages investment worth ₹1.5 lakh crore, the Defence Ministry said.

'IAF has a road map for all 3 structures within space domain'

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has a road map for all three structures within the space domain, which are communications, surveillance, and positioning and navigation, and it is prioritising on the communication capabilities right now, said Air Chief Marshal (ACM) V. R. Chaudhari on Thursday.

"We have a road map on what we need for the future [the space domain]. Right now, our first focus is on building communications systems on our next INSAT-7C [satellite]," ACM Chaudhari said.

On the unmanned efforts being perused by the IAF, he said that, right now, the IAF was focussing on some of the unmanned technologiess such as Medium Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and High Altitude Long Endurance UAVs, while noting that the concept of Manned-Unmanned Teaming is a bit futuristic for now.

Russian Ram Leela treat for PM in Ayodhya

Nistula Hebbar
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to be the chief guest at a Ram Leela celebration in Ayodhya, which will feature a special Russian version of the epic to be performed by a team from Moscow.

Government sources have confirmed that Mr. Modi will be in Ayodhya on October 23 where he is to perform pooja and other rituals of the deity Ram Lalla Virajman, and also inspect the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra site where the Ram Janmabhoomi temple is coming up.

Global stage: The Russian Ram Leela team from Moscow consists of 12 artistes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The team from Moscow consisting of 12 artistes is being coordinated by Disha-India Russia Friendship Society. They will perform the Ram Leela in Ayodhya as part of a special collaboration between the Padma Shree Gennadi Pichnikov Memorial Russian Ram Leela Team and Disha. The Russian Ram Leela team is the only one of its kind in Europe and has been performing in Moscow for decades.

"We performed in India in 2018 when the Government of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had invited us. This year the visit is more special as we are returning to Ayodhya after the pandemic and as we want to highlight close friendship between two sides in the midst of the special military operation that Russia is carrying out in Ukraine," Rameshwar Singh, convenor of Disha, India-Russia Friendship Society.

Gennadi Pichnikov was a legendary Russian stage actor who was known for portraying Lord Ram on the Russian stage.

He was popularly known as the "Russian Ram" and the Padma Shree Gennadi Pichnikov Memorial Russian Ram Leela Team has been carrying forward his legacy of Ram Leela performances that have been modified to appeal to the Russian audience.

For the last few years, the Uttar Pradesh government has also been organising a *deepostsav* (festival of lights) on the banks of the Saryu in Ayodhya, and Mr. Modi will also be participating in it.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore

Tender Notice No. E-CN-MDU-EOT4-2022-23 dated 17.10.2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Elec Engineer/ Gen/Cons/ S. Rly/ Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of work: Provision of Three phase 750V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-TUTICORIN (TN) COACHING DEPOT.

Tender Notice No. and Date: No.E-CN-MDU-EOT4-2022-23 dt.17.10.2022

Period of completion: 6 Months

Approximate cost of work: Rs.2,01,52,755.38/-

Cost of tender form: Nil

Earnest Money deposited: 2,50,800/-

Tender closing date: 10.11.2022. Complete details can be seen **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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Advt.No.RGUKT-AP/e-Proc/SA/Laptops/ET26/2022 Date:21.10.2022

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Online tender is hereby invited from OEM/authorized representatives of the OEM for supply and installation of 6500 Laptops to the RGUKT Four campuses i.e., Nuzvid, RK Valley, Srikakulam, and Ongole. Interested bidders can download and submit the bids online from **21.10.2022** at **11.00 AM.** Further details please visit our website: **www.rgukt.in** or **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** (Andhra Pradesh Portal).

DIPR 1316PP/CL, Dt.20-10-2022. **Sd/- Accounts Officer, RGUKT**

Office of The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Zone, Kota
No.:-CE/WR/KOTA/e-NIB-02/2022-23/10862-869

DATE: 07/10/2022

e-NIT No.-02/2022-23

Bids for three works (1) Restoration of Anicut on Mej River Near Devariya Mahadev Tehsil Hindoli District Bundi (Estimated Cost Rs. 437.06 Lacs) (2) Construction of Anicut on Garjani River Near Village-Durgapura, Tehsil-Hindoli, District-Bundi (Estimated Cost Rs. 364.07 Lacs) & (3) Construction of Anicut Near village Gudha Sadavartiya Tehsil Nainwa District Bundi (Estimated Cost Rs. 442.16 Lacs) is invited from interested bidders from 10.10.2022 (9:30 Hr) to 01.11.2022 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & https://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.

S. No. 1 UBN NO. :- WRD2223WSOB01522
S. No. 2 UBN NO. :- WRD2223WSOB01523
S. No. 3 UBN NO. :- WRD2223WSOB01524

Chief Engineer, Water Resources Zone Kota

DIPR/C/13166

जवाहरलाल स्नातकोत्तर आयुर्विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान
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No.JIP/Admn-I/Dep./1(35)/PDY/2022 Dated: 21.10.2022

The Director, JIPMER, Puducherry invites application from eligible officers of Central / State / U.T. Governments / Statutory / Autonomous Bodies / Government Universities / Government Research and Development Organizations etc., for filling the various **Group 'A' posts on DEPUTATION BASIS** given as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the post	Pay Matrix (as per 7th CPC)	Vacancy
1	Senior Financial Advisor	Level-13	1
2	Senior Accounts Officer	Level-11	1

The format of the application, other details regarding pay scale, age, qualification, experience and other conditions of eligibility etc. for the above posts are available in the JIPMER website **"www.jipmer.edu.in".**

The last date for receipt of filled-in application is **19.12.2022 till 4.30 P.M.**

DIRECTOR

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), BBMP, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011.

No.SADH(S)/TENDER/11/2022-23 Date:20.10.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), invites tenders from eligible tenderers for providing the services detailed in the table below:

Sl No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Sri Ramanjaneya Gudda Park in Ward No. 155.	10,00,000/-	25,000/-
2.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Srikanteshwara Park, Bhaskar Park & Soorat Ashwath Park & Other Park in Ward No. 164.	40,00,000/-	80,000/-
3.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Ward No. 162.	50,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
4.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Hari Hara Gudda in Ward No. 155.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
5.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Kari Thimmanahalli Park (13th Main, Raghavendra Colony) in Ward No. 156.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
6.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Kumaraswamy Temple Park in Ward No. 164.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
7.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Bugle Rock Park and Other Park in Ward No. 154.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
8.	Beautification, Upgradation & Maintenance of Horticulture Works in Deer Park in Ward No. 155.	1,60,00,000/-	2,40,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **25.10.2022 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting : **28.10.2022 at 11.00 a.m. 3)** Last date for submission of tenders: **04.11.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Opening of Technical Bids : **05.11.2022 at 4.30 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone)

LOOK OUT NOTICE

1. Aaryakumar 2. Soumya Sameer 3. Sameera Rangwala

The above photos are of (1) Aaryakumar, S/o. Ramesh Kumar, 28/22, LIG 208, 1st Floor, APIIC Colony Kamala Nagar, ECIL 2nd Line, Opposite Thulasi Hospital, Hyderabad, Thelungana, 500062, (2) Soumya Sameer, D/o. Sameer Rangwala, 52/22, 30-11-15/16, 1st Floor, Flat No. B-12, Reghu Towers, Lilamahal Cinema Hall, UPS, Visakhapatanam, 530020, (3) Sameera Rangwala, D/o. Akthar Ali Shaik, Kushai Guda, Hyderabad are involved in Crime Number 372/2016 U/S 397, 302 IPC of Irikkur Police Station, Kannur Rural District, Kerala State. If any information received about the absconding accused may be intimated to the following address and Telephone number without fail.

Irikkur Police Station : 0460-2257100 **Inspector of Police, Irikkur : 9497980850**
Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Crime Branch, Kannur Rural, Kerala : 9497940976
(Sd/-) DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF,
RO/02572/F2/2022/I&PRD **Kannur Rural**

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Particulars	Bid Download start date	Bid submission date
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Director

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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				SC	ST	OBC (NCL)	UR	EWS	Total	
1	Librarian	14	A	-	-	-	1	-	1	2-PwD [Sub-categories: a & b]
2	Superintending Engineer	13	A	-	-	-	1	-	1	
3	Deputy Registrar	12	A	-	-	-	1	-	1	
4	Executive Engineer (Civil/ Electrical)	11	A	-	-	-	2	-	2	
5	Assistant Registrar	10	A	-	-	2	5	1	8	
6	Sports Officer	10	A	-	-	-	1	-	1	
7	Medical Officer	10	A	-	-	1	-	-	1	
8	Senior Superintendent	7	B	-	-	-	3	-	3	2-PwD [Sub-categories: a & b]
9	Physical Education Instructor	7	B	-	-	-	1	-	1	
10	Superintendent	6	B	-	-	1	4	-	5	
11	Junior Engineer (Civil/Electrical)	6	B	1	-	1	2	-	4	
12	Technical Assistant (Lab)	6	B	-	-	-	2	-	2	
13	Technical Assistant (IT)	6	B	-	-	-	1	-	1	
14	Jr. Library Superintendent	6	B	-	-	-	1	-	1	
15	Office Assistant (MS)	5	C	-	-	-	1	-	1	2-PwD [Sub-categories: b & d]
16	Jr. Technical Assistant (Lab/IT)	5	C	-	1	-	8	-	9	
17	Jr. Office Assistant	4	C	-	-	-	2	-	2	
18	Junior Assistant (MS)	3	C	3	-	3	7	1	14	
19	Lab Assistant	3	C	1	1	1	2	1	6	
20	Attendant (Lab/IT)	1	C	2	-	3	5	1	11	
Total				**7**	**2**	**12**	**50**	**4**	**75**	

For full advertisement with details of qualifications, experience etc. as per Uniform Recruitment Rules of IISERs **(Annexure-I)** and General Terms and Conditions, Recruitment Methodology **(Annexure-II)** & submission of application through online mode, please visit Institute's website (Recruitment portal) **http://iiserb.ac.in/join_iiserb**.

The application must be submitted online on or before **October 25, 2022**. Hardcopy of the same along with all required annexures must reach Recruitment Section of the Institute on or before **October 31, 2022** by **1700 Hrs**.

Advt. No.: NT-01/2022, Date: October 4, 2022
Bhopal कुलसचिव

INBRIEF

Low pressure in Bay of Bengal to intensify into cyclone: IMD

A low-pressure area has formed in the Bay of Bengal on Thursday, and is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm over the next four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The low-pressure area is likely to deepen into a depression by October 22 and into a cyclonic storm by October 24. "Under the influence of the cyclonic circulation over the north Andaman Sea and its neighbourhood, a low-pressure area has formed over the north Andaman Sea and adjoining areas of the south Andaman Sea and the southeast Bay of Bengal with the associated cyclonic circulation extending up to 7.6 km above the mean sea level," the IMD said in a statement.

ED freezes Bitcoins worth ₹7.12 crore in E-nuggets case

The Enforcement Directorate has frozen Bitcoins worth ₹7.12 crore and seized ₹1.65 crore in cash as part of its probe in the E-nuggets gaming app case. Assets worth ₹51.16 crore have been seized or frozen in the case so far. The agency said on Thursday that it conducted another round of searches on two premises in Kolkata, leading to the seizure of cash and freezing of 44.50 bitcoins, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The probe is based on a first information report registered by the Kolkata Police in 2021 against businessman Aamir Khan and others, following a complaint lodged by Federal Bank authorities before a city court.

Question on beef in exam paper sparks protest in BHU

A question related to 'beef' in a semester examination in the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi led to a protest by a section of students. The 'Catering Technology and Hotel Management' paper for second-semester students of Bachelor of Vocation course had a question that read: 'Write a classification of beef. Define.' After the examination, some students met the Registrar and submitted a memorandum written to the Vice-Chancellor demanding the suspension of the course coordinator, paper-setter and others involved in drafting of the question paper.

Man accused of murder in Gurugram school granted bail

The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed bail to a 21-year-old man accused of murdering his seven-year-old schoolmate in a washroom at their Gurugram private school in 2017. The man was released on bail after spending a little over five years in detention. He was 16 years and four months old at the time of the incident. Justifying the interim order, the court said it was compelled to strike a balance as it could not ignore the fact that the man had already spent five years in detention since he was 16 years and four months old and cannot continue to be detained till the "trial" was completed. The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) had recently decided that the man should be tried as an adult and not as a juvenile.

Centre launches programme to strengthen Kashi-T.N. bond

The programme will be held as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative and is aimed at rekindling the civilisational link between the two places, says Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Holy site: The programme will include visits to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi. FILE PHOTO

Amid the continued debates over imposition of Hindi across the country, the Union government on Thursday announced a month-long programme to "strengthen" and "rekindle" the cultural and civilisational bond between Tamil Nadu and Varanasi. Named the 'Kashi-Tamil Sangamam', the programme would be held from November 16 to December 16.

"The period will cover the Tamil month of Karthikeya during which all Tamil households go pray to Lord Shiva. This programme, which would be a part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative, is aimed at rekindling the civilisational link between the new Kashi and Tamil Nadu – both deep centres of knowledge," Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said. He added that building a heritage bridge for the new generation was a key feature of the National Education Policy.

As part of the programme, 2,500 people divided into 12 groups would be travelling to Varanasi by train during the period. The journey points in Tamil Nadu would be Chennai, Rameswaram and Coimbatore. The groups would include students, teachers, artisans and people from various walks of life.

"It would be an eight-day tour package," the Minister said after launching the online registration for the tours. Mr. Pradhan said the tours would include seminars, lectures, group meetings and visits to the Kashi Vishwanath temple and centres of important Tamil cultural heritage in Varanasi.

The Centre's decision comes at a time the Tamil Nadu government has moved a resolution against 'Hindi imposition' in the State Assembly.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had earlier written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi against "continuous efforts to promote Hindi in the name of one nation".

Denying any link between the Hindi debate and the launch of this programme, Mr. Pradhan said, "This is not a reactionary programme. We had been trying to launch this for the past six months". "The Prime Minister has earlier said that all languages are national languages and no language will be imposed on the other."

"The Home Minister has also said that in Hindi-speaking areas it should be the link language and in other areas, the local languages should be the link language. This is our policy, all regional languages are national languages," the Minister added.

The knowledge partners for the programme would be IIT-Madras and the Banaras Hindu University, while the Uttar Pradesh government would be the host State.

Centre, ISRO moot two-day conference on 'ancient science'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Indian Space Research Organisation, along with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), is set to organise a two-day conference themed 'Akash Tatva' (the element Akash) in Dehradun that, according to Science Minister Jitendra Singh, would expose "youth of India to the wisdoms of ancient science along with modern scientific advancements".

A co-organiser of the conference to be held on November 5 and 6, is Vijnana Bharati, a 'swadeshi science' organisation linked to the RSS.

The conference is expected to host 35 "eminent speakers" over three days who will host discussions on topics such as developing "sustainable life based on *panchmahabhoot*."

The latter refers to the five elements - of earth, fire, water, wind, and air as constituting all matter. "The thrust of the conference is to attempt to explain one *tatva*, Akash, the ancient wisdom associated with it and how it connects to modern science," said S. Somnath, Secretary, Department of Space.

"We all appreciate that the *panchbhootas* are associated with the wellbeing of humanity. The various environmental challenges we face may be addressed by a thorough understanding of the *panchbhootas*," said Ajay Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

Chandrayaan-3 launch next year

The Chandrayaan-3 mission is expected to be launched in August 2023, S. Somnath, Chairman, ISRO, said. Dr. Somnath explained that while mission parameters would remain the same there were several changes being made to the design. "The design and engineering are significantly different [compared to Chandrayaan-2] to make it more robust and avoid the problems from last time." The Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-up of Chandrayaan-2 of July 2019, which aimed to land a rover on the lunar South Pole.

Panel looking into SC status of converted Dalits, says Centre

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government, in a fresh affidavit before the Supreme Court on Wednesday, said it had noted the demands from Dalit Christian and Dalit Muslim communities for inclusion in the SC list and formed a three-member Commission of Inquiry headed by former Chief Justice of India Justice K.G. Balakrishnan to look into all aspects of the matter. It said this was done because the "issue is a seminal and historically complex sociological and constitutional question".

However, in the affidavit, the Union government has reiterated the position it took in November 2019, and argued that the petitions in the matter were "devoid of merits" and should be dismissed, "without prejudice" to the fact that a commission had already been appointed.

Further, the Centre has limited the question in this case to whether Scheduled Caste converts to other religions suffer from the "same degree of oppressiveness as suffered by Scheduled Castes practising Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism".

It has also argued that after conversion to another religion, the only way to establish the backwardness is to see if they are "still suffering from the same social disability, that he is following the customs and traditions of the community which he earlier belonged to and also be accepted by other members of the caste as a member of such tribe/caste".

If such converts are "arbitrarily given the perks of reservation" in the absence of these principles, "it would cause grave injustice and abuse of the process of law, that would consequently affect the rights of the SCs".

U.P. bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/RAJKOT

Over half the homes sanctioned under the BJP-led Centre's flagship Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) housing scheme have been delivered and the rest are under various stages of completion, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri said on Wednesday.

Mr. Puri's comments came on the sidelines of the PMAY-U Awards 2021 – scheduled annually to recognise the contribution of States, Union Territories and urban local bodies with regard to the implementation of the scheme – in Rajkot.

In the awards, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively. Meanwhile, poll-bound Gujarat won five special category awards.

To combat climate change, PM launches new mission for sustainable lifestyle

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, launched 'Mission LiFE' (Lifestyle For Environment), a new initiative for sustainable and healthy lifestyle at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat on Thursday.

Listing climate change and global warming as the main challenges before the world and mankind, the Prime Minister underlined that Mission LiFE makes the fight against climate change democratic with the contribution of everyone in own capacity.

Mr. Guterres unveiled the LiFE logo and tagline and released the Mission document at the event in which the Union Minister of External Affair S. Jaishankar and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel were present.

In collaboration: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and PM Narendra Modi at Kevadia in Gujarat on Thursday. PIB

"The launch of Mission LiFE in Gujarat is important as it was the first State in the country to initiate measures in the direction of renewable energy and climate protection," Mr. Modi said. He described Mission LiFe as a global initiative by India to help the world in its fight against climate change and lead to a sustainable way of life to achieve the sustainable development goals.

In his speech, the U.N. Secretary-General said that the "Lifestyle For Environment (LiFE) initiative is designed to highlight essential and hopeful truths". Mr. Guterres also lauded India's initiative of the International Solar Alliance and said the country was pursuing environmentally sound policies. "We need to unleash the renewable revolution and I look forward to working with India in driving this agenda forward," he added.

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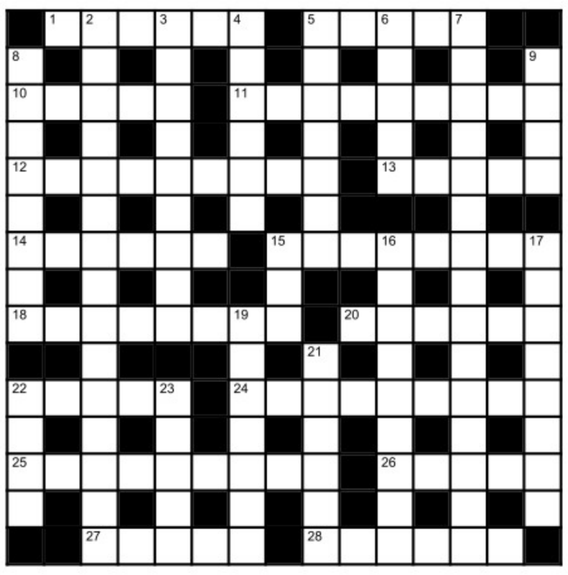

Across

1 Criminal tries to follow Jesus ultimately, becomes a monk (6)
5 Supply food to tiger and bear regularly (5)
10 Notes say for short-term memory (5)
11 One on raft drifts post-lunch (9)
12 Tentative like peacekeepers and detectives in action (9)
13 Some scout gold for spending (5)
14 Islander not bothered by Harry returning (6)
15 Very mild air conditioning for a common Russian (8)
18 Against being placed between two setters at present (8)
20 Current baroque master (6)
22 Good morning! Must regularly stretch! (5)
24 Mostly a PC forms part of a cell (9)
25 Crafty, stylish queen's boring because... (9)
26 Applied bare negatives (2,3)
27 Hitch cold couple (not married) (5)
28 Source dam (6)

Down

2 Lean mini-disc cut out for soundtrack (10,5)
3 Clear cut sort of tan (9)
4 State of war and suffering (6)
5 A duke in advance towards large fortress (7)
6 Grotesque roots and trunk (5)
7 Moor's peculiar quality - loses head, hides anger, seems neither hot nor cold (4,11)
8 Mostly blame accrues to male coach (8)
9 Part of brain for knowledge (4)
15 Victory? That is struggle! (3)
16 Piece of information from one at top and base (9)
17 Recall meme about boring free beer (8)
19 The neurotic trails, a piece of data about a cold, cruel king (7)
21 Small squad having right flow (6)
22 Sounds like opening step (4)
23 Not hot! The take-home rule! (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Dharma is paramount

Kausalya would not agree to Rama's departure to the forest. Lakshmana said angrily that he would punish anyone who opposed Rama. Rama then explained that He must adhere to dharma, and in this case His dharma was to keep His promise to His father. No one was better placed to talk about dharma, because Rama never moved away from the path of dharma, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar, in a discourse.

Rama said that while He knew of Lakshmana's affection for Him, Lakshmana must bear in mind that a promise given was never to be broken. That was the righteous thing to do. Rama reminded Kausalya that everyone in the family was duty-bound to obey Dasaratha. Artha (wealth) and kama (enjoyment) are to be sought only in accordance with dharma, and this is demonstrated by Valmiki through the Ramayana. Rama was the embodiment of dharma – *Ramo vigrahavaan dharmah*. For Lakshmana the only wealth he could think of was Rama. And yet, he must curb his desire to fight on behalf of Rama, because that would not be the right thing to do. So his seeking of wealth (Rama), could not be against dharma.

Bharatha was chosen to rule Ayodhya, which meant that he could enjoy whatever he wanted to – the luxuries and powers of a king. And yet while enjoyment (kama) was at his disposal, Bharatha chose not to indulge in any pleasure, because Rama was away in the forest, and the throne rightfully belonged to Him. Bharatha instead chose to make Rama's paduka the ruler till Rama returned from exile. So the seeking of the two Purusharthas of artha and kama can be only within the framework of dharma.

ADDIS ABABA

Tigray peace talks in South Africa on October 24, says Ethiopia govt.

The Ethiopian government said on Thursday it would participate in peace talks next week led by the African Union to try to resolve the nearly two-year war in Tigray. Calls for a halt to violence in northern Ethiopia have mounted since an AU bid failed earlier this month to bring the warring sides to the negotiating table. AFP

PUTRAJAYA

Malaysia to hold snap national elections on November 19

Malaysia's Prime Minister Office is pictured in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on Thursday. Malaysia's Election Commission said on Thursday that national elections will be held on November 19 amid concerns that heavy rain and floods during the year-end monsoon season may deter voters. AP

WEST BANK

Palestinians launch strike after Israel kills suspected attacker

A Palestinian protester using a slingshot during clashes with Israeli Army troops in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday. Palestinians launched a general strike on Thursday throughout the West Bank and east Jerusalem in response to the death of a suspected Palestinian attacker. AP

KYIV

Ukraine sets curbs on electricity consumption after Russian strikes

Employees serving visitors at a cafe without electricity in Lviv. Ukraine began curbing electricity consumption on Thursday as it raced to carry out repairs on infrastructure destroyed by Russian bombing as winter approaches. Russian attacks have destroyed at least 30% of the country's power stations in a week. AFP

Truss promised U.K. a shake-up, but instead, she was forced out

The libertarian leader's stimulus plan caused economic and political chaos and wiped out her support in the Conservative Party; she will now have the dubious distinction of being the shortest-serving British Prime Minister

Associated Press
LONDON

Liz Truss became Prime Minister on a promise to open a new era of growth by shaking up Britain's economy. But the tumult that resulted was not exactly what she had in mind: Markets recoiled, the pound currency dived, her party revolted – and, in the end, she announced her resignation just 45 days after taking office.

Ms. Truss, 47, was forced to quit after an ill-conceived economic stimulus plan she drew up caused economic and political chaos and wiped out her support in the Conservative Party.

Ms. Truss, a libertarian who fervently believes in small government and free-market economics, came to office on September 6 after 1,72,000 Conservative Party members voted in an internal leadership contest to pick a successor to the scandal-plagued Boris Johnson.

Her views appealed to many Conservatives, who backed her with a 57% majority over rival Rishi Sunak, a former Treasury chief who warned against radical tax cuts.

Tax cuts

On September 23, Treasury chief Kwasi Kwarteng unveiled the Truss government's vision for growth: a huge package of tax cuts worth 45 billion pounds ($50 billion) that the government said would create jobs and improve living standards. But the so-called mini budget didn't explain how the government planned to pay for the tax cuts, leading investors to worry that public borrowing would balloon out of control.

The market's verdict was immediate and devastating. The pound plunged to a record low against the U.S. dollar, the cost of government borrowing soared, and the Bank of England stepped in to buy government bonds to avert a wider crisis.

Happier times: British PM Liz Truss with Treasury chief Kwasi Kwarteng at the Conservative Party conference on October 2. AP

Many also questioned Ms. Truss's political judgment in slashing taxes for Britain's top earners while millions of people struggled to make ends meet.

Two weeks after her package was unveiled, she insisted that she was determined to deliver her priorities: "Growth, growth and growth." But party members were incensed about the damage she had done to their credibility. By October 14, she had fired Mr. Kwarteng, her long-time ally, and reversed course – twice – on her tax-cutting plans. Mr. Kwarteng's replacement as Treasury head, Jeremy Hunt, then dumped almost all of Ms. Truss's flagship policies. She apologised for going "too far and too fast", but her authority was in tatters, and a growing number of Conservatives openly called for her to go.

In recent days, Britain's lively, partisan press was unusually united in the opinion that Ms. Truss was doomed. The Conservative-backing tabloid *The Sun* called her "a ghost PM". The *Guardian* compared the Conservatives to a mutinous ship's crew.

After *The Economist* said Ms. Truss's time in control of the government would have "roughly the shelf-life of a lettuce", the tabloid *Daily Star* set up a livestream featuring a photo of the Prime Minister beside a head of iceberg. It asked "Can Liz Truss outlast this lettuce?" – and reported triumphantly that she had not when Ms. Truss quit on Thursday.

She will stay Prime Minister until the party chooses a replacement in the coming week and will have the dubious distinction of being the shortest-serving British Prime Minister in history. She topped George Canning, who was Prime Minister for just 119 days in 1827 before he died.

We will continue assertive, 'fighting' diplomacy: China

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China will continue a "fighting" approach to diplomacy with a "rock hard resolve to safeguard sovereignty", officials said on Thursday during the week-long Communist Party Congress in Beijing.

Party General Secretary and President Xi Jinping, at the opening of the congress on Sunday, had warned of "drastic changes in the international landscape" amid "external attempts to blackmail, contain, blockade and exert maximum pressure on China" and said China had "shown a fighting spirit".

Mr. Xi is set to begin a third five-year term after the conclusion of the congress on Saturday, and the new members set to join him on the Politburo will be unveiled on Sunday after the first meeting of the new Central Committee.

"Chinese diplomacy will continue to display fighting spirit, improve our ability to fight, always stand ready at the frontline to protect our national interest and dignity," Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu told reporters in a press conference on China's diplomatic agenda in the next five years, speaking on the sidelines of the ongoing congress.

Way forward: Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu speaking at a press conference in Beijing on Thursday. AP

"Our resolve to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the fundamental interests of the Chinese nation will be rock hard and unshakable," he said.

'Small circles'

Mr. Ma specifically only mentioned relations with the U.S., Russia and the EU. He also hit out, without directly naming the U.S., at "some forces bent on putting together small circles" and "stoking block-based confrontation" which "represents the biggest threat to the world order".

Chinese officials have in the past referred to groupings such as AUKUS (Australia-U.K.-U.S.) and the Quad (India-U.S.-Australia-Japan) as "small circles".

Mr. Xi is expected to travel to Indonesia next month, early in his third term, for a state visit as well as the G20 summit, which Prime Minister Modi will also attend. Mr. Ma didn't confirm the trip but said China would support hosts Indonesia.

Also during the congress, Chen Liu, a delegate from the PLA, said China's stealth fighter the J20 was now "active" in all five theatre commands of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), including the Western Command bordering India.

Controversial Bill shot down by Sri Lanka's top court

Agence France-Presse
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court blocked the country's Parliament from approving a Bill that would have allowed the state to arbitrarily detain suspects for up to two years for "de-radicalisation", MPs were told on Thursday.

The Bill was put forward last month by the government of President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was brought to power earlier this year after mass protests over an economic crisis forced his predecessor Gotabaya Rajapaksa out of office.

It would have enabled authorities to crack down on dissidents by forcing them into "de-radicalisation and rehabilitation", without recourse to judicial relief.

But Speaker Mahinda Abeywardana announced that the country's highest court had ruled it was unconstitutional and could only become law if it was approved in a nationwide referendum.

The Supreme Court, which is empowered to scrutinise a Bill before it becomes law, held that only medically confirmed drug addicts should be rehabilitated, and no one else.

Parliamentary officials said the Bill was now likely to be scrapped.

In China, 1962 anniversary brings new attention to 'forgotten' war

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

On the 60th anniversary of the India-China war, which began with a Chinese attack on October 20, 1962, China's military and media are paying renewed attention to a war that was largely previously sidelined in official Chinese military histories.

In the weeks and months leading up to Thursday's anniversary, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has showcased the war in an exhibition marking its 95th anniversary, as well as published a new military history of the war titled "One Hundred Questions on the China-India Border Self-Defence Counterattack". China officially calls the war that it launched with a massive onslaught as a "counterattack" to justify its actions.

The PLA exhibition, in Beijing's Military Museum, blames India for the conflict. "China and India have never formally demarcated their borders in their past. There is only a traditional customary line formed according to the administrative jurisdiction of both sides," it says. "After August 1959, the Indian Army invaded Chinese territory many times, causing armed border conflicts. In October 1962, the Indian Army launched a large-scale attack and Chinese border defence forces were forced to flight back in self defence. It lasted 33 days and the military recovered the Chinese territory occupied by the Indian Army after August 1959."

Indian soldiers seen in a bunker at a forward post in the NEFA area in November 1962. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Galwan clashes

The exhibition also highlighted the June 2020 Galwan Valley clash. The renewed focus in 1962 has coincided with the downturn in relations and the return of the border dispute to the front and centre of the relationship. The war has sometimes between described by Chinese observers as a "forgotten" war that did not receive the attention of the war against Japanese occupation or Korean War which have been a staple of Chinese television dramas and films.

The new war history has been put together by Zhang Xiaokang, daughter of former PLA General Zhang Guohua, who headed the Tibet military region and planned the Chinese offensive in the eastern sector. Extracts of the book that were first published in January were this week once again published by the popular Chinese website *Guancha*. It said "generations of soldiers and military fans have always been interested" in the war. The main focus has been on stories of PLA war veterans. While General Zhang Xiaokang is the focus of the book, commentaries this week highlighted other 1962 Generals. An October 16 article focussed on Ding Sheng and the PLA's early offensive strategies, noting that it had drawn on its experience in the Korean War.

An October 9 commentary by Feng Ping, an account that focusses on Chinese history, quoted the writings of another PLA General, Tang Yinfa, who was a PLA political commissar in Tibet, on his observations of the Indian Army, which he noted were "very strong" but hampered by "a chaotic command system and the disconnect between politics and military in decision-making, with decision-making in the hands of civilian officials who do not understand the military at all".

An October 7 analysis examined the world's response to 1962, particularly attacking "the duplicity of 'big brother' Soviet Union" that said "the unanimous position of the Politburo of the Communist Party is on the side of China" but "did not take a public stand on the war". "The Soviet Union was downright two-faced. On the surface, it remained neutral and intended to be close to China, but in fact supported India," it said. "India believed it had the support of the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union."

It also explained in unusually candid terms why China announced a unilateral ceasefire and withdrew, which Beijing today points to as a sign of its "goodwill" but the commentary noted was likely driven by "already achieving the goal of deterring India" and "very difficult material supply" during a "famine", following Mao Zedong's disastrous Great Leap Forward, when China could not afford to "consume more materials" in a conflict.

Philippines to get military helicopters from U.S.

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

The Philippines will acquire heavy-lift military helicopters from the United States, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said on Thursday, after scrapping a deal to buy similar aircraft from Russia.

The government of his predecessor Rodrigo Duterte had signed a deal worth $216 million for 16 Mi-17 helicopters, but backed out in the months following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the imposition of wide-ranging sanctions on Moscow.

Earlier Thursday, local media had quoted the Russian Ambassador to the Philippines as saying that the deal was still valid.

But Mr. Marcos said it was dead.

"We have secured an alternative supply (for heavy-lift helicopters) from the United States," Mr. Marcos, who was elected President in May, told a business forum.

"Unfortunately, we made a down payment (to the Russian manufacturer) that we are hoping to negotiate to get at least a percentage of that back," he added.

"But the deal as it stood maybe at the beginning of or in the middle of last year has already been cancelled."

Iran girl died after beating by security forces, say teachers

Agence France-Presse
NICOSIA

A 15-year-old Iranian girl died last week after being beaten during a raid by the security forces in her school, a teachers' union said, urging the authorities to stop killing "innocent" protesters.

Asra Panahi died on October 13, after "plainclothes officers attacked" Shahed High School in the northwestern city of Ardabil, the Co-ordinating Council of Teachers Syndicates said.

The pupils had been taken into town for an "ideological event" at a spot known to be a centre for protests sparked by Mahsa Amini's death in the custody of Iran's notorious morality police. Some pupils, who started "chanting slogans against discrimination and inequality", were "subjected to violence and insults by plainclothes and veiled women", the union said. After being returned to school, they were beaten again, it said in a statement issued on Monday.

"After that one of the pupils named Asra Panahi unfortunately passed away in hospital and a number of students were arrested," it said, adding the beating left another pupil in a coma.

State television later aired an interview with her uncle in which he said she died of heart failure. Ardabil's parliamentary representative, Kazem Mousavi, was quoted as saying she had "committed suicide" in a report by a website.

APPOINTMENT

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INBRIEF

Shiv Nadar is 'most generous', Premji 2nd in Hurun India list

With an annual donation of ₹1,161 crore, Shiv Nadar reclaimed the title of 'India's Most Generous', according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022. Mr. Nadar had donated ₹3 crore every day. Wipro's Azim Premji slipped to the second spot with an annual donation of ₹484 crore, while Gautam Adani came seventh with a donation of ₹190 crore.

Granules India Q2 net profit surges 80% to ₹145.09 crore

Granules India reported consolidated net profit increased 80% to ₹145.09 crore for the quarter ended September from ₹80.67 crore in the year-earlier period.

The increase came on the back of revenue from operations of the drugmaker rising 30% to ₹1,150.73 crore (₹888 crore). Active pharmaceuticals ingredients (APIs), pharmaceutical formulation intermediates (PFI), and finished dosages contributed 29%, 20% and 51% of the revenue from operations, respectively.

'Steel prices fell 40% in six months on 15% export levy'

Steel prices fell about 40% to ₹57,000 a tonne in the domestic market over the last six months on subdued export orders in the wake of the 15% export levy, as per SteelMint. In early 2022, the prices of hot rolled coil started showing an upward trend. The steel prices in the local market peaked at ₹78,800 per tonne in April. After 18% GST levy, the price was about ₹93,000 per tonne, the research firm said. The prices started to fall from April-end. PTI

'Low exports share lends opportunities, not gloom'

India must tap the shift to 'one-plus' strategy in global supply chains, says Commerce Secretary Barthwal; official urges industry to not get 'overly pessimistic' over grim outlook for world trade

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There is no need for industry to get too pessimistic about forecasts of slowing global trade, as India's share of world exports is still fairly low and there are opportunities to grab amid a shift to a 'one-plus' strategy in global supply chains, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said on Thursday.

"Many people would be looking at the global headwinds and may be feeling disappointed about those predictions being made... But I think one thing we should understand about India is we hardly represent 2% in the total global exports, so there is a huge opportunity," he said, adding that countries of similar size have a share of 10% to 15% in world exports.

Trade winds: India hardly represents 2% in total global exports, so there is a huge opportunity, says Barthwal. REUTERS

'Aim to double exports'

"So we can easily aim for doubling our exports, we can easily aim for increasing our exports to 10% over a period of time. And therefore, these opportunities exist even if somebody says that world trade scenario is looking bleak, we should not get overly pessimistic about the trade scenario," Mr. Barthwal said at a national exports summit hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

As the world looks for resilient supply chains post-pandemic, countries as well as businesses are looking at a 'one-plus' strategy to reduce dependence on any single supplier nation and are keen to engage with India, he stressed.

AI gets 73,750 applications for crew jobs

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Air India, which is on an expansion drive, on Thursday said it had received more than 1,752 applications for pilots and 72,000 applications for cabin crew in the last two months.

It has also received more than 25,000 applications in about a week from management postgraduates with three years' experience in ground-based business roles.

BSE IPO, realty, IT indices lost most since last *Muhurat*

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

BSE IPO index decline highest at 28.6%, because of new-age IPOs' lacklustre show

The S&P BSE Sensex has given a negative return of 2.8% since the last *Muhurat* trading, making investors poorer.

As per an analysis of data on sectoral indices by broking firm Samco Securities, BSE Capital Goods yielded the highest at 12.5%, followed by BSE FMCG and BSE Auto with gains of 11.4% and 11%, respectively. BSE Bankex saw a moderate gain of 1.2%.

But, the BSE Smallcap index shed 1.2% while BSE Oil & Gas had lost 2.8%. BSE Midcap fell 4.7%. The BSE IPO Index tops the list in terms of loss, with the sector slumping 28.6% because of new-age IPOs' lacklustre performance.

BSE Realty yielded a negative return of 23.7%. BSE IT shed 17.6% having fared well during the previous three years.

"The IPO market has always been... for traders who bet on listing gains," said Apurva Sheth, head of Research, Samco Securities, commenting on the IPO index's performance. "Serious investors parking their money in IPOs have started to develop the feeling of being trapped in it".

UCO, Yes Bank said to be in talks with Russia for trade process

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Lenders UCO Bank and Yes Bank are in talks with their Russian counterparts over a payment mechanism for trade between the two countries, a senior government official said on Thursday.

Reuters had reported large lenders are reluctant to process direct rupee trade transactions with Russia for fear of becoming the target of sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine, and New Delhi is counting on smaller banks like UCO and Yes.

Banks are discussing the currency pair for the payment mechanism and the options include the Indian rupee paired with the Russian rouble or Saudi Arabia's riyal, the official said.

"Few of the Russian banks are joining hands with UCO Bank and Yes Bank. It will be primarily rupee-basis trade, could be rupee-rouble or could be rupee-riyal," the official, who did not want to be named, told reporters.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	59,203	0.16
US Dollar	82.79	0.25
Gold	50,516	0.08
Brent oil	93.48	3.08

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3357.10	79.85
Adani Ports	820.05	15.00
Apollo Hosp	4322.50	-66.25
Asian Paints	3140.90	-71.85
Axis Bank	825.85	-4.00
Bajaj Auto	3691.85	36.00
Bajaj Finserv	1725.70	26.90
Bajaj Finance	7432.40	52.00
Bharti Airtel	792.90	9.50
BPCL	297.10	4.95
Britannia Ind	3790.15	21.65
Cipla	1136.80	14.80
Coal India	241.00	2.80
Divis Lab	3651.90	43.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4349.05	32.15
Eicher Motors	3651.15	38.85
Grasim Ind	1688.95	4.60
HCL Tech	1017.40	21.75
HDFC	2369.20	-12.60
HDFC Bank	1448.80	-9.85
HDFC Life	537.20	5.65
Hero MotoCorp	2565.55	24.35
Hindalco	395.20	4.90
Hind Unilever	2600.90	17.90
ICICI Bank	888.65	-3.45
IndusInd Bank	1159.95	-58.45
Infosys	1500.90	15.45
ITC	349.70	3.35
JSW Steel	628.40	2.50
Kotak Bank	1863.55	-5.80
L&T	1904.15	-0.75
M&M	1250.00	1.60
Maruti Suzuki	8707.40	-11.95
NestleIndia	20061.10	322.00
NTPC	166.95	2.90
ONGC	129.60	1.80
PowerGrid Corp	217.50	3.60
Reliance Ind	2500.60	6.70
SBI Life	1222.95	-4.15
State Bank	555.40	2.00
Sun Pharma	980.35	3.45
TataConsumerProduct	770.70	6.15
Tata Motors	398.10	-0.95
Tata Steel	100.90	0.85
TCS	3157.30	35.45
Tech Mahindra	1041.65	22.45
Titan	2631.50	-13.05
UltraTech Cement	6302.30	-96.10
UPL	713.50	36.70
Wipro	381.50	3.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.56	82.88
Euro	81.13	81.44
British Pound	92.72	93.09
Japanese Yen (100)	55.14	55.36
Chinese Yuan	11.43	11.47
Swiss Franc	82.42	82.74
Singapore Dollar	58.06	58.29
Canadian Dollar	60.21	60.45
Malaysian Ringitt	17.45	17.53
Australian Dollar	52.13	52.34

Source:Indian Bank

Canara Bank's Q2 net profit surges 90% to ₹2,525 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The second-quarter net profit of state-owned lender Canara Bank surged 89.42% to ₹2,525 crore.

Total income grew to ₹24,932.2 crore from ₹21,331.5 crore in the year-earlier period. Operating profit rose 23.22% YoY to ₹6,905 crore, the bank said.

Net NPAs fell to 2.19% from 3.22% a year earlier while gross NPAs declined to 6.37% of the gross advances compared with 8.42% a year earlier.

Domestic deposits grew 7.77% YoY to ₹10,56,519 crore. Global business increased by 13.9% YoY to ₹19,58,111 crore, Canara Bank said.

'Monthly India PE/VC inflows slid from $5 bn to $2 bn in 6 months'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Most of the favoured sectors for PE/VC investments saw a sharp decrease in investments, except for infra, healthcare

The monthly run-rate of private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) investment inflow to India has declined from $5 billion to $2 billion sequentially over the last six months, according to an IVCA-EY Report.

"The country maintained a monthly average run-rate of $5 billion PE/VC inflow in the initial months of 2022, but they declined sequentially over the past six months, barely recording $2 billion in each of the past two months.," said Vivek Soni, Partner and National Leader, Private Equity Services, EY.

Private equity and venture capital investments and exits have also annually declined by 69% and 48%, respectively, in the third quarter of calendar 2022, as per the report.

The July-September quarter recorded $8.3 billion in PE investments across 238 deals, a 69% year-on-year decline while PE/VC exits across 61 deals shrank by 48% to $4.4 billion, it reported.

Most of the traditionally favoured sectors for PE/VC investments saw a sharp decrease in investments, except for infrastructure and healthcare.

TCPL Q2 net rises 36% to ₹389 crore on local demand

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Tata Consumer Products Ltd. (TCPL) reported a 36.3% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹389.4 crore for the second quarter, led by strong growth in the domestic market.

Revenue from operations climbed 10.87% to ₹3,363.05 crore during the quarter under review, TCPL, earlier known as Tata Global Beverages Ltd., said in a BSE filing

Total expenses were at ₹3,021.90 crore, up 11.55%.

Group CFO L. Krishnakumar said the overall growth was 'led by the strong performance by the India business,' especially the food business, which was a 'star performer.'

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the selection of print service providers for Printing and personalizing PVC Electors Photo Identity Cards **(Tender ID : 2022_Elec_508175_2)** & Production and Supply of Hologram for PVC Electors Photo Identity Cards **(Tender ID : 2022_Elec_508773_2)** Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest money, Schedule dates of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/**

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Notice Inviting Bid (NIB) No. 01/2022-23

Bid for the "Work for increasing the carrying capacity & Strengthening of Transmission main-II (TM-II)" are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00PM till date 31.10.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state. The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 406.00Lacs.

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CANCELLATION OF TENDER

The tender notice no. IIP/HO Mumbai/2022/01 dated 29th June 2022 inviting bids for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Project Management Consultant (PMC) to Construct a World-Class Laboratory at the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) Mumbai to work on a turnkey basis stands canceled due to administrative reasons.

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: SE/PHC/KKD/48/2022-23 - JJM PHASE II: CWSS TO KARASSERY,KODIYATHUR THIRUVAMBADY AND KOODARANJHI GRAMAPANCHAYATHS IN KOZHIKODE DISTRICT: PART I: Supplying, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of CWPM and CWGM, Construction of CW pump house, Supply and erection of Transformer & pump sets. EMD: ₹ **500000**, Tender fee : ₹ **16540+GST(2978)**, Last Date for submitting Tender: **16-11-2022, 05:00 pm.** Phone: **04952371046.**
Website: **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
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Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Dn. Sri Ganganagar
No.2622 Date: 12.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID No.-19/2022-23
(NIB No.- PWD2223A 2362)

Bids for 5 Nos. packages of road works and I bid for building work are inviting from interested bidders from dated 14.10.2022 to 03.11.2022 upto 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. **1385.75** lacs.

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No.: EE/P-W/TEND/06/2022-23 Date: 20.10.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive development and construction of Multipurpose building and public toilet and other improvement works at **Ward No. 101** at Rajajinagar Constituency. **Package 03. (Call-2) Standard Bid Document: KW-4**	500.00	7,50,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded through e-portal from: **21.10.2022**. **(2)** Date & Time for Pre-bid meeting: **02.11.2022** at **4:00 P.M. (3)** Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **10.11.2022** upto **4:00 P.M. (4)** Opening of Bids (Technical Bid): **14.11.2022** at **4:30 P.M. (5)** Opening of Bids (Financial Bid): **16.11.2022 (If possible).** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone, BBMP

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TENDER NOTICE
INVITING ONLINE TENDER FOR JOB BASIS WORK

Competitive tender invited from companies/service providing agencies in two cover system for carrying out the sourcing of Job Basis Work Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Rajasthan. The tender document can be downloaded from website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Details of tender can also be seen on website & http://labour.rajasthan.gov.in. Tender are to be submitted online in electronic format on Website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in The tender cost is Rs. 7.00 Cr. (approximately).
Tender fee of Rs. 5000/- and EMD Rs. 14,00,000/- (Fourteen Lakhs only) through DD in favour of "Secretary, Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Rajasthan" along with processing fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only) in favour of Managing Director. RajCOMP info Service Limited" has to be deposited through DD before opening of the Technical Bid.
The technical and financial bids will be evaluated by the procurement committee, duly constituted by the Board Financial Bids of only the technically acceptable offers shall be opened by the procurement Committee of awarding the contract. Following schedule will be observed in this regard:-

1	Date and time for availability of bid documents	21.10.2022, 10.30 AM
2	Date and time for Pre-Bid Meeting.	09.11.2022, 12.00 Noon
3	Last date and time of submission of online bid.	23.11.2022, 12.00 Noon
4	Date and time of opening and evaluation of technical bids.	23.11.2022, 4.00 PM
5	Date and time of opening and evaluation of financial bids.	**28.11.2022, 3.00 PM**
6	Award of contract	**To be intimated**

Demand Draft for Tender fee EMD and processing Fee as mentioned above should be submitted before 02.00 AM on dt: 23.11.2022 at the following address:-

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ITC Q2 profit rises 24% to ₹4,670.3 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

ITC Ltd. on Thursday reported a 24.1% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹4,670.3 crore for the second quarter.

The firm had posted a net profit of ₹3,763.7 crore during the July-September quarter of the previous fiscal, it said in a filing.

Revenue from operations rose 25.4% to ₹18,608 crore compared with ₹14,844.38 crore in the year-earlier period.

ITC's total expenses stood at ₹12,823.87 crore.

Shares of ITC Ltd. on Thursday settled at ₹349.70 on BSE, up 0.97% from the previous close.

Axis Bank Q2 profit rises 70% to ₹5,330 cr. as bad loans decline

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Axis Bank on Thursday reported a 70% jump in standalone net profit to ₹5,329.8 crore in the quarter ended September on healthy core income aided by trimming of bad loans.

Total income on standalone basis rose to ₹24,180 crore, from ₹20,134 crore, Axis Bank said in a filing.

Interest income rises

Of this, interest income rose 24% to ₹20,239 crore.

On the asset front, there was improvement with the gross non-performing assets falling to 2.5% of the gross advances, from 3.53%. Net NPAs slid to 0.51%, from 1.08%.

Provisioning for bad loans and contingencies was thus brought down to ₹549.78 crore, from ₹1,735 crore. Axis Bank shares slid 0.42% to close at ₹826.20 on the BSE.

STFC Q2 net rises 38% to ₹1,067 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd. (STFC) reported a 38% growth in standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September to ₹1,067 crore from the year earlier.

Revenue from operations grew 14% to ₹5,348 crore and net interest income increased by 22.85% to ₹2,694 crore, the NBFC said in a regulatory filing.

Total assets under Management rose to ₹1,35,249 crore from ₹1,21,647 crore.

STFC had written off ₹95 crore of loans utilising the ECL provision created as management overlay on account of COVID-19.

CRICKET

All-rounder Green replaces Inglis in Australia's T20 WC squad

All-rounder Cameron Green, who is equally at ease batting in the top- and middle-order, and is more than handy with his medium-pace, replaced Josh Inglis in Australia's squad for the Twenty20 World Cup on Thursday after the wicketkeeper-batter was ruled out with a cut to his right-hand following a golfing mishap.

TENNIS

Gauff books a berth in the WTA Finals for the first time

Coco Gauff qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time while French player Caroline Garcia will make her second appearance in the tournament. Gauff, 18, and Garcia join World No. 1 Iga Swiatek, Ons Jabeur and Jessica Pegula in the singles draw for the finals in Fort Worth, Texas, from October 31 to November 7.

BOXING

Fury to defend WBC heavyweight title against Chisora in December

Tyson Fury will defend his WBC heavyweight title against fellow Briton Derek Chisora in London on December 3. It will be the unbeaten Fury's first fight since knocking out another British heavyweight, Dillian Whyte, in front of 94,000 spectators in London in April — after which Fury said he was retiring.

FOOTBALL

Ten Hag to deal with Ronaldo over early departure from ground

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag said he would "deal with" Cristiano Ronaldo after the Portugal forward headed to the changing room before the final whistle in the team's 2-0 win over Tottenham on Wednesday. Ronaldo was an unused substitute as the Red Devils produced a dominant performance against Spurs.

Sri Lanka defeats Netherlands, books a place in the Super 12

The Men in Orange, despite the loss, will join the Islanders after UAE shocks Nambia by seven runs

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
GEELONG

Opener Kusal Mendis slammed a 44-ball 79 as Asia Cup champion Sri Lanka defeated the Netherlands by 16 runs to sweep into the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup on Thursday, where it will be joined by the Dutch despite their defeat.

Falling short

Sri Lanka scored 162 for six, blasting 102 off the final 10 overs, to set a big target which the Netherlands was unable to reach, finishing on 146 for nine.

But the men in orange still went through after United Arab Emirates won its first-ever game at a T20 World Cup to upset Namibia by seven runs.

The Africans would have joined Sri Lanka in the next round rather than the Dutch had they won, but against the odds, the UAE restricted them to 141 for eight, chasing 149 for victory.

For the Netherlands, it is the second time it has got this far after also making the grade in 2014, when it topped its group and then sensationally beat England.

It is the third successive time Sri Lanka has reached the Super 12 and it will be hoping to repeat its heroics from 2014 when it won the title.

Leading from the front

In the second match, skipper Chundangapoyil Rizwan's knock (43 off 29 balls) helped UAE make 148/3 in its 20 overs.

Then Zahoor Khan and Basil Hameed grabbed two wickets each as UAE reduced Namibia to 69 for seven in the 13th over before late fireworks from David Weise (55 off 36 balls) set up a tense last-over finale.

The final two places in the Super 12 will be decided on Friday with Scotland, Zimbabwe, West Indies and Ireland all still in contention.

The scores:

Sri Lanka 162/6 in 20 overs (Kusal Mendis 79, Charith Asalanka 31, Paul van Meekeren 2/25) bt Netherlands 146/9 in 20 overs (Max ODowd 71, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/28).

UAE 148/3 in 20 overs (Muhammad Waseem 50, Chundangapoyil Rizwan 43 n.o.) bt Namibia 141/8 in 20 overs (David Wiese 55, Ruben Trumpelmann 25 n.o., Basil Hameed 2/17, Zahoor Khan 2/20).

Setting it up: Kusal Mendis' classy knock showed the way for Sri Lanka in a must-win contest. AFP

How they finished

Group A	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Sri Lanka (Q)	3	2	1	4	0.667
Netherlands (Q)	3	2	1	4	-0.162
Namibia	3	1	2	2	0.730
UAE	3	1	2	2	-1.235

Q: Qualified for Super 12s

Today's matches: Group B: Ireland vs. WI; Scotland vs. Zimbabwe

Govt. will take a call on India travelling to Pakistan for Asia Cup, says Binny

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

The newly-appointed BCCI president Roger Binny stated that it is the government that will take a decision on India travelling to Pakistan to compete in the Asia Cup next year and the BCCI has no say in the matter.

Binny's comment comes a couple of days after BCCI secretary Jay Shah stated that India will not travel to Pakistan and that the Asia Cup would be held at a neutral venue.

"That is not the BCCI's call. Once the government gives the clearance, then we can go ahead. We cannot take this decision on our own," Binny said at a press conference organised by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) here on Thursday.

On the call to move the tournament to a neutral venue, Binny cited a precedent set in the 2018 Asia Cup. "When it was India's turn to host the Asia Cup, we gave it to the UAE. (Now) the BCCI wants the Asia Cup to be played in a neutral venue," said Binny.

The former India all-rounder is keen to find out why players are breaking down with injuries frequently. "In the last four or five years, many players have gotten injured. Why are they breaking down so easily? Is the load too much? Something has to be done. That is my priority. You cannot have a player break down 10 days before an international event," he said.

Top of the agenda: Binny says his priority would be to address player breakdowns. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Spectator-friendly

Spectators who throng stadiums must be made to feel more comfortable, Binny said. "Spectators must get much better facilities. When you have 30,000 to 40,000 spectators at a venue, they need to be comfortable," he said.

"Pitches across India are too docile; they are unfit for fast bowlers. If the Indian team goes to England or Australia, it takes two weeks to get used to the bounce and movement," Binny added.

Asked about the Women's IPL, Binny said, "It's going to get very, very popular. The (women's) game has taken giant strides. There's going to be a lot of people wanting to see the (Women's) IPL. I hope we get a lot of people coming to the games."

Kochi Tigers takes INBL's opening leg honours

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Despite losing their last league match 72-88 against Bengaluru Kings, Kochi Tigers won the opening leg honours in the first Indian National Basketball League (INBL) at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Thursday.

With Chennai Heat losing its last game against Chandigarh Warriors 69-83 earlier in the evening, the Tigers were assured of the title even before they took on Kings in the last league match on Thursday night. The Tigers finished the first leg on top of the six-team table with four wins and a loss for a total of nine points. Warriors (three wins, two losses, eight points) finished in a three-way tie for second place along with Heat.

The Tigers were a weary bunch. In fact, a few of their stars had played for their employer KSEB in an all-Kerala tournament nearby earlier in the evening and that showed in their game.

With that being the situation, the Tigers brought out many from from the bench frequently. The team led 26-17 in the first quarter but it was mostly downhill from there.

Doing his bit: Lalrina Renthlei's 13 points were not enough as Tigers went down to Kings. H. VIBHU

That made the Kings' job easier in the end. The second leg will be held in Jaipur from October 26.

The results:

Bengaluru Kings 88 (Abhishek Gowda 18, Arvind Arumugam 15, M. Harish 14, BK. Anil Kumar 13, Pratyanshu Tomar 12) bt Kochi Tigers 72 (Jishnu G. Nair 24, Lalrina Renthlei 13).

Chandigarh Warriors 83 (Sahil 22, Gurbaz Singh Sandhu 21, Palpreet Singh Brar 27) bt Chennai Heat 69 (M. Arvind Kumar 18, Muin Bek Hafeez 16, B. Soorya 10).

Delhi Dribblers 99 (Rajeev Kumar 24, Rishabh Mathur 20, Piyush Meena 11, Mahipal Singh 20, Gaurav Chandel 20) bt Mumbai Titans 74 (Kuldeep Tamaliya 22, Sayyed Yousuf 15, Sameer Qureshi 13).

Points table:

Kochi Tigers (9), Chandigarh Warriors (8), Chennai Heat (8), Bengaluru Kings (8), Delhi Dribblers (6), Mumbai Titans (6).

Srikanth bows out; Lakshya eases past Prannoy

ANI
ODENSE

K. Srikanth bowed out of the Denmark Open, losing to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in a round-of-16 men's singles match on Thursday. Srikanth lost 13-21, 15-21 in a 35-minute contest.

Lakshya Sen cruised past H.S. Prannoy 21-9, 21-18 in a second-round match that lasted 39 minutes. The win helped Lakshya improve his head-to-head record against Prannoy to 3-2.

Prannoy had beaten Zhao Junpeng of China 21-13, 22-20 in round one.

The men's duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the quarterfinals with a 21-14, 21-16 win over the Indonesian combination of Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Bagas Maulana.

In women's doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand lost to the Thailand pair of Rawinda Prajongjai and Jongkolphan Kititharakul 21-23, 13-21 in a round-of-16 match.

In mixed doubles, Ishan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto suffered a 16-21, 10-21 reverse against Japan's Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino, the second seeds.

Let's rock: The Brazilians will look to sustain the momentum in the climactic phase. PTI

Fireworks in store as Germany meets Brazil

Aneesh Dey
NAVI MUMBAI

The FIFA under-17 women's World Cup quarterfinal stage gets underway with USA meeting Nigeria and Germany taking on Brazil at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Friday.

Friederike Kromp's Germany has been prolific, scoring 11 times, only second after the USA (13). Along with its attacking prowess, it has been equally efficient in maintaining a disciplined backline, conceding just two goals.

Brazil, one of the favourites, has a power-packed team. It has quality players like Carol, Aline Gomes, Lara and Jhonson who can threaten the German defence with their fluid and expressive play.

The winger-duo of Lara and Aline can be a menace for the German fullbacks. That, along with Jhonson's deadly finishing down the centre, could give the Germans a tough time.

Natalia Astrain's USA has one of the most balanced sides. It boasts of Gisele Thompson and Savannah King in defence, Onyeka Gamero and Taylor Suarez on the flanks, and a quality finisher in Melina Rebimbas at the centre. Midfield powerhouse Charlotte Kohler, with three goals, is the joint-top scorer.

Despite looking weaker on paper, it would be a mistake to underestimate Bankole Olowookere's Nigeria, which has adopted a bold approach.

The quarterfinals: Oct. 21: USA vs Nigeria; Germany vs Brazil.

Oct. 22: Colombia vs Tanzania; Japan vs Spain (both at Margao).

East Bengal gets it right against NEUFC

One more! Kyriakou put East Bengal 2-0 up after Cleiton had scored the opener. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sports Bureau

East Bengal FC ended its winless run against North-East United FC in the Indian Super League with a 3-1 victory at Guwahati on Thursday. Cleiton Silva's 11th-minute strike and second-half goals from Charis Kyriakou (53) and Jordan O'Doherty (84) made it a special night for East Bengal. Matt Derbyshire scored a consolation goal for NEUFC in injury time (90+2).

East Bengal took the lead in the 11th minute, thanks to Mahesh Naorem Singh.

Naorem stole the ball from NEUFC full-back Mohamed Irshad before passing to Cleiton who made no mistake.

The visitors began the second half with zest and went up 2-0 soon. Suhair V., on the right wing, set up an onrushing Kyriakou who slammed home from the edge of the box.

East Bengal sealed it in the 84th minute when O'Doherty finished with aplomb an assist from Mobashir Rahman.

Though NEUFC opened its goal account for the season two minutes into stoppage time, it was too little too late.

The result: NEUFC 1 (Derbyshire 90+2) lost to East Bengal 3 (Cleiton 11, Kyriakou 53, O'Doherty 84).

Friday's match: Chennaiyin FC vs FC Goa.

INBRIEF

Alyssa Healy appointed Australia vice-captain

Alyssa Healy is likely to lead Australia in the tour of India in December after the star wicketkeeper-batter was named the vice-captain of the women's team on Thursday. Healy takes over from Rachael Haynes, who retired from international cricket last month. With World Cup-winning captain Meg Lanning still on her indefinite break, Healy could be donning the skipper's cap for the team's upcoming assignments that include five T20s in India before the home series against Pakistan and the T20 World Cup in South Africa next year.

Sociedad fan falls ill in stadium, passes away

The start of the Spanish league game between Real Sociedad and Mallorca on Wednesday was delayed for about 15 minutes after a Sociedad fan in the stadium fell ill and later passed away. Emergency personnel were called in to help the fan in the stands. They tried to revive him before taking him to a hospital. The cause of death was not immediately disclosed. Spanish media said he was a 75-year-old Sociedad club member.

M.P. to host 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games

The fifth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) will be held in Madhya Pradesh across eight cities from January 31 to February 11, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur announced on Thursday.

Delhi gets the better of Karnataka in women's T20

Karnataka lost to Delhi by three wickets in the BCCI senior women's T20 Trophy in Surat.

The scores: Karnataka 121/8 in 20 overs (Prathyoosha Kumar 45, Soni Yadav 3/23) lost to Delhi 122/7 in 19 overs (Priya Punia 40, Tanisha Singh 35).

Manchester United too good for Tottenham Hotspur

Manchester United dealt a blow to Tottenham's Premier League title aspirations with a dominant 2-0 win at Old Trafford, while Liverpool's upturn continued with a 1-0 win over West Ham on Wednesday. Chelsea's winning run came to an end in a 0-0 draw at Brentford, which allowed Newcastle to close within two points of the top four with a 1-0 win over Everton.

The results: Premier League: Bournemouth 0 lost to Southampton 1 (Adams 9); Brentford 0 drew with Chelsea 0; Liverpool 1 (Nunez 22) bt West Ham 0; Manchester United 2 (Fred 47, Fernandes 69) bt Tottenham 0; Newcastle 1 (Almiron 31) bt Everton 0.
La Liga: Real Valladolid 4 (Mesa 32, J Fernandez 62, Leon 74, 79) bt Celta Vigo 1 (O. Rodriguez 43); Cadiz 0 drew with Real Betis 0; Real Sociedad 1 (Merino 4) bt Real Mallorca 0; Elche 0 lost to Real Madrid 3 (Valverde 11, Benzema 75, Asensio 89).

Karnataka, Kerala register wins to brighten chances of qualifying

The former gets the better of Services, while the latter beats J&K; going into the final round of matches, Karnataka and Haryana have 20 points each, while Kerala and Services are on 16

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

A 32-ball 62 from Sachin Baby helped Kerala post a badly-needed victory against Jammu & Kashmir, by 62 runs, in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament at Mohali on Thursday.

However, in order to qualify for the knockout stage, Kerala not only needs to win its last match against Meghalaya on Saturday, but have the results of some other matches go the way it wants.

Things mostly went the way Kerala wanted against J&K, though. Baby's blitzkrieg took Kerala to 184 for four and J&K was bowled out for 122 with an over remaining.

Opener Shubham Khajuria struck 30 off 14 balls (4x4, 1x6), but once he went, no other batter spent enough time in the middle to raise any hopes of an upset.

Seamers Basil Thampi and K.M. Asif took three wickets each on a day India's fastest bowler Umram Malik conceded 41 runs.

Umran's lone wicket was that of Baby (7x4, 3x6). The left-hander by then had added 90 off just 55 balls with skipper Sanju Samson (61, 56b, 6x4, 1x6).

Meanwhile, Karnataka defeated Services by eight wickets to brighten its chances of qualifying for the knockout stage.

Giving it the treatment: Chethan's unbeaten 61 helped Karnataka go past the finish line.
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Good spells

Excellent spells from seamer Vyshak Vijaykumar (three for 24) and off-spinner K. Gowtham (two for 13) made life difficult for the Services batters, who could only make 129 for eight. Amit Pachhara (35, 24b, 2x4, 2x6) was the top-scorer.

Karnataka chased down the modest target with an over and five balls to spare. Opener L.R. Chethan remained unbeaten on 61 (52b, 6x4, 1x6). He added 91 runs for the unfinished third wicket with Manish Pandey (37 not out, 38b, 3x4, 1x6).

Karnataka coach P.V. Shashikanth said the bowlers had done a good job and didn't allow Services to make a big score. "I was particularly happy with the way Gowtham bowled," he said. "He was superb and his spell proved crucial. Vyshak and Vidhwath also bowled really well."

Going into the final round of matches in Group-C, Karnataka and Haryana have 20 points each, while Kerala and Services are on 16.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

Group A: Vidarbha 180/5 in 20 overs (Jitesh Sharma 50 n.o., Akshay Wadkar 44, Apoorv Wankhade 35, Ankit Kushwah 3/28) bt Madhya Pradesh 158 in 19.1 overs (Ashwin Das 36, Rajat Patidar 35, Darshan Nalkande 3/23, Umesh Yadav 3/29).
Rajasthan 109/8 in 20 overs (Kunal Singh Rathore 35 n.o., Avinov Choudhury 4/15) lost to Assam 112/7 in 16.3 overs.
Mumbai 107 in 20 overs (Yuvraj Singh 4/20) lost to Railways 111/6 in 19.1 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 40, Mohammed Saif 32).
Uttarakhand 179/5 in 20 overs (Avneesh Sudha 39, Piyush Joshi 64, Kunal Chandela 36 n.o., Taruwar Kohli 3/19) bt Mizoram 50 in 16 overs (Himanshu Bisht 4/8).
Group B: Pondicherry 86/9 in 20 overs (Siddarth Kaul 5/12) lost to Punjab 87/2 in 10 overs.
Goa 131/6 in 20 overs (Deepraj Gaonkar 40) lost to Delhi 133/4 in 17 overs (Nitish Rana 49 n.o., Yash Dhull 46).
Hyderabad 132/9 in 20 overs (Tilak Varma 48, Karan Sharma 3/19) lost to Uttar Pradesh 133/3 in 19.1 overs (Aryan Juyal 71 n.o., Karan Sharma 33).
Manipur 108/7 in 20 overs (L. Keishangbam 37 n.o.) lost to Tripura 111/2 in 11.2 overs (Bikramkumar Das 67 n.o.).
Group C: Services 129/8 in 20 overs (Amit Pachhara 35, Vyshak Vijay Kumar 3/24) lost to Karnataka 130/2 in 18.1 overs (L.R. Chethan 61 n.o., Manish Pandey 37 n.o.).
Kerala 184/4 in 20 overs (Sanju Samson 61, Sachin Baby 62) bt Jammu & Kashmir 122 in 19 overs (Shubham Kajuria 30, Basil Thampi 3/21K.M. Asif 3/15).
Maharashtra 136/5 in 20 overs (Azim Kasi 41 n.o.) lost to Haryana 138/7 in 20 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 51).
Meghalaya 167/5 in 20 overs (Chirag Khurana 73, Punit Bisht 38) bt Arunachal Pradesh 118/8 in 20 overs (Techi Doria 40, Rajesh Bishnoi Jr. 3/17).
Group D: Andhra Pradesh 129/9 in 20 overs (Chintan Gaja 3/33) lost to Gujarat 132/5 in 18 overs (Priyank Panchal 59).
Bihar 119 in 19.4 overs (Chetan Sakariya 3/26) lost to Saurashtra 124/2 in 14.1 overs (Harvik Desai 59 n.o.).
Baroda 129/8 in 20 overs (Krunal Pandya 31) lost to Himachal Pradesh 130/2 in 16.5 overs Prashant Chopra 61 n.o., Ankush Bains 33).
Group E: Bengal 161/5 in 20 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 33, Shabhaz Ahmed 48 n.o., Ritwik Roy Chowdhury 31, Shubham Agarwal 3/41) bt Chhattisgarh 108 in 18.5 overs (Pradipta Pramanik 4/13).
Tamil Nadu 161/6 in 20 overs (B. Aparajith 67, Sandeep Sharma 3/14) bt Chandigarh 105 in 18.1 overs (Bhagmender Lather 38, Varun Chakravarthy 3/24).
Jharkhand 188/5 in 20 overs (Ishan Kishan 102 n.o., Kumar Suraj 32, Tarani Sa 3/34) bt Odisha 117 in 19.2 overs (Shantanu Mishra 54, Shahbaz Nadeem 3/21).

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup (first-round): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.

ISL: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday).

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.15 a.m. (Saturday).

Simranpreet and Anish claim mixed rapid fire pistol silver

WORLD SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Simranpreet Kaur Brar and Anish Bhanwala won the silver after they were beaten 16-14 by Yulia Korostylova and Maksym Horodynets of Ukraine in the gold medal match of the 25-metre rapid fire pistol mixed team event in the World Championship in Cairo on Thursday.

The results:

Air pistol: Junior women: 1. Wang Siyu (Chn) 16 (251.0) 578; 2. Zhao Nan (Chn) 6 (250.3) 575; 3. Shen Yiyao (Chn) 249.1 (576); 4. Varsha Singh 248.9 (577); 5. Esha Singh 199.4 (578); 13. Kanishka Dagar 569; 19. Shikha Narwal 565.

25m rapid fire pistol mixed team: 1. Ukraine (Yulia Korostylova, Maksym Horodynets) 16 (380) 562; 2. India (Simranpreet Kaur Brar, Anish Bhanwala) 14 (383) 575; 3. Korea (Kim Jangmi, Kim Seojun) 17 (375) 571; 4. Czech Republic (Anna Dedova, Martin Podhrasky) 11 (375) 567.

It's Siege Perilous vs. Peyo in main event

RACING

MYSURU: Siege Perilous and Peyo may fight out the finish of the Gayatri Devi Memorial Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (Oct. 21). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SEA MIST PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Eco Friendly (9) Sai Kiran 62, 2. Shivalik Emperor (5) S. Qureshi 60, 3. Top Rank (7) Salman K 57.5, 4. Scarlet Princess (1) M. Chandrashekar 57, 5. Russian Romance (4) Hasib A 56.5, 6. Max Mueller (10) Shreyas S 55.5, 7. Activated (6) Nazerul 55, 8. Red Hot Chilli (3) R. Pradeep 53.5, 9. Regal Force (8) S. Saqlain 52, 10. Virginia Queen (11) H. Zeeshan 51.5 and 11. Swiss Bay (2) Kiran Rai 50.5.
1. REGAL FORCE,
2. ACTIVATED,
3. MAX MUELLER

2 ALEKONA TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00: 1 D Fighter (12) L.A. Rozario 60, 2. Colossal (2) B. Harish 56.5, 3. The Flying Feet (7) P. Siddaraju 56.5, 4. Al Jawaad (9) A. Agarwal 56, 5. Vijaya Sarathi (14) Kiran Rai 56, 6. Break Away (1) Antony 55.5, 7. Southern Force (5) Rayan 55.5, 8. Airvelocity (4) Afsar Khan 55, 9. California Gold (3) Sai Kiran 54.5, 10. Coorg General (6) H. Rahul 54.5, 11. Jacaranda (10) G. Rohith 54.5, 12. Super Sexy (15) B. Darshan 54.5, 13. Fifty Grand (13) R. Shiva K 52.5, 14. My Vision (11) R. Pradeep 52.5 and 15. Infinite Grace (8) J.H. Arul 51.5.
1. BREAK AWAY,
2. MY VISION,
3. SOUTHERN FORCE

3 SEA MIST PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Lead Singer (2) Santosh K 62.5, 2. Rightly Noble (1) R. Pradeep 62.5, 3. Reckoning (10) Vijay K 62, 4. She's Innocent (6) M. Chandrashekar 62, 5. Surprise Package (3) L.A. Rozario 62, 6. Domitia (11) N.B. Kuldeep 61, 7. Romantic Heart (7) Sarvan K 61, 8. War Trail (9) P. Siddaraju 61, 9. Country's Bolt (8) J. Paswan 60.5, 10. Emeraldo (4) Salman K 60.5 and 11. The Intruder (5) Indrajeet S 59.5.
1. THE INTRUDER,
2. EMERALDO, 3. RIGHTLY NOBLE

4 ALEKONA TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. D Fire (15) Noorulla 62, 2. D Roman Reigns (4) Ajay K 61.5, 3. Unique Style (7) S. Saqlain 60.5, 4. Waverunner (9) Nazerul 60.5, 5. Catalina (8) Hindu S 57.5, 6. Deemed To Fire (6) Kiran Rai 57.5, 7. Lucky One (1) Shreyas S 57.5, 8. Remontoir (13) Salman K 57, 9. Altair (3) Sai Kiran 56.5, 10. Coyote Girl (12) Angad 56, 11. Brooklyn Supreme (5) Tauseef 55.5, 12. D Durga (14) B. Harish 55.5, 13. Ooh La La (11) B. Nayak 54.5, 14. Spiritualqueen (2) N.B. Kuldeep 53.5 and 15. Eco System (10) M. Chandrashekar 53.
1. ALTAIR,
2. UNIQUE STYLE,
3. BROOKLYN SUPREME

5 MAYOR'S TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Notoriety (2) Sarvan K 61, 2. Good Earth (7) S. Qureshi 59, 3. Minx (5) Kiran Rai 59, 4. Mutant (8) S. Saqlain 59, 5. Indian Patriot (9) Srinath 58.5, 6. Silver Days Again (6) Angad 58.5, 7. Crimson Fire (1) L.A. Rozario 58, 8. Aquila D'oro (3) H. Rahul 57, 9. Sir Calculus (10) Antony 57 and 10. Analect (4) B. Harish 56.
1. INDIAN PATRIOT,
2. SIR CALCULUS,
3. MUTANT

6 GAYATRI DEVI MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 80 & Above 4-00: 1. His Eminence (10) Srinath 60, 2. Automatic (8) J.H. Arul 59, 3. Make My Way (7) Angad 57.5, 4. Segera (3) R. Shiva K 57.5, 5. Siege Perilous (5) Antony 57.5, 6. Havelock Cruise (2) G. Vivek 57, 7. Contributor (4) Shreyas S 54.5, 8. Peyo (9) S. Saqlain 52.5, 9. Aberlour (1) Hasib A 52 and 10. Coorg Regiment (6) A. Agarwal 52.
1. SIEGE PERILOUS,
2. PEYO,
3. AUTOMATIC

7 SRIRANGAPATTANA PLATE (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-30: 1. Wild Spell (1) Angad 60, 2. Court Jester (7) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 3. Eddie The Eagle (4) Hasib A 59.5, 4. Nothing To Worry (6) Kiran Rai 59.5, 5. Sliver Ikon (8) Salman K 59, 6. De Villiers (9) Shreyas S 57, 7. Thousand Words (5) Antony 57, 8. Rising Sun (2) B. Harish 56, 9. O Hansini (10) Hindu S 53 and 10. Star Of Thea (3) R. Shiva K 52.
1. O HANSINI,
2. DE VILLIERS,
3. THOUSAND WORDS

8 MAYOR'S TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-00: 1. Tenali (5) Sarvan K 60, 2. Naval Wrestler (3) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 3. Smart Cadillac (11) Antony 58.5, 4. Aurelia (7) Afsar Khan 57.5, 5. Perfect Justice (4) Kiran Rai 57.5, 6. D Jani (10) Sai Kiran 57, 7. Socrates (6) N.B. Kuldeep 56.5, 8. Country's Light (2) H. Zeeshan 56, 9. Wind Whistler (1) Angad 56, 10. Deimus (8) R. Shiva K 55 and 11. Ochre (9) Ayaz Khan 54.5.
1. PERFECT JUSTICE,
2. SMART CADILLAC, 3. D JANI
Day's best: INDIAN PATRIOT
Double: O HANSINI – PERFECT JUSTICE
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 3, 4 and 5; (iii): 6, 7 and 8.

Vikas, Nitesh win two more bronze medals for India

Vikas (72kg).UWW

Nitesh (97kg).UWW

U-23 WRESTLING

Sports Bureau

Vikas (72kg) and Nitesh (97kg) earned two more bronze medals for the country in the Greco-Roman competitions at the World under-23 wrestling championships in Pontevedra, Spain.

Sajan Bhanwala (77kg) had opened India's account with a bronze.

For the first time, Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers bagged three bronze medals in the World under-23 event.

Vikas, who beat Kyrgyzstan's Adilkhan Nurlanbekov 11-0 and Spaniard Marcos Sanchez 10-1 before losing to Croatia's Pavel Puklavec 9-0 in the semifinals, defeated Japanese Daigo Kobayashi 6-0 in the bronze medal match.

Nitesh got past Spain's Jose Ferrandiz 10-2 and Egypt's Sami Elsayed Ali 10-5 before going down to Hungarian Alex Szoke 8-0 in the quarterfinals. Nitesh trounced Serbian Luka Katic 13-4 in the repechage bout and Brazilian Igor Alves de Queiroz 10-0 in the bronze medal contest.

Visa issue

Meanwhile, the inexplicable refusal of visa to the majority of the Indian contingent, including World under-20 champion Antim Panghal, by the Spanish Embassy continued to rankle the coaches and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) officials.

This time India was close to breaking all the records, but it could not happen due to the negative attitude of the Spanish visa authorities, said WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar. A Dronacharya award-winning coach also regretted the episode. "Our women's team is one of the best. But only two women and only one freestyle wrestler got the visa," he said.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Hithaishree in last four

Top seed Hithaishree Lokesh Rajnish thrashed Disha Ravi 21-6, 21-4 to move into the under-13 girls' singles semifinals of the Karnataka State mini and sub-junior badminton championship here.

Team IOCL corners glory

Team IOCL, comprising Brijesh Damani, Aditya Mehta, Dhvaj Haria, Laxman Rawat and Arif Akhtar, won the 18th PSPB Inter-Unit Team Snooker title, defeating BPCL 4-1.

Mehta made it a sweet double, going on to beat Pankaj Advani of ONGC in the professional snooker individual final.

Victorious: The IOCL team that secured the 18th PSPB Inter-Unit snooker title.SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The non-professional title was pocketed by OIL's Amarish K. Puri who overcame Arif Akhtar.

The results (finals):

Snooker: Team: IOCL bt BPCL 4-1 (Dhvaj Haria bt Manan Chandra 71-57, 66-55; Brijesh Damani tied with S. Shrikrishna 72-12, 63-73); Laxman Rawat bt Shahbaaz Adil Khan 69-14.

Non-professional: Amarish K. Puri (OIL) bt Arif Akhtar (IOCL) 29-73, 61-35, 60-11.

Professional: Aditya Mehta (IOCL) bt Pankaj Advani (ONGC) 49-73, 72-0, 71-60, 103-04.

Linda Wessberg takes one-shot lead

WOMEN'S INDIAN OPEN

Rakesh Rao
GURUGRAM

Sweden's Linda Wessberg emerged as an early leader with a stunning round of 7-under 65, marked by a rare hole-in-one, as 22 ladies broke par in the opening round of the $400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open golf here on Thursday.

On a windless day, the DLF Golf and Country Club course played true and encouraged players to stay aggressive with their approach shots.

Amandeep Drall read the conditions well and shared the third spot with a 67 after reaching 17 Greens in Regulation.

Two holes-in-one

The day saw two holes in one, with Linda finding it on the 150-yard fifth hole and Scotland's Gabrielle MacDonald on the 163-yard 16th.

Amandeep shines

Among the Indians, Amandeep stood out with her sensible play. She stuck to the basics and the accuracy of her shots from the fairway meant she had very little to do with her putter.

Tvesa Malik, three-under for the day, bounced back brilliantly following a double-bogey on the par-5 15th after starting from the 10th tee. She birdied the 17th and 18th holes to take the turn at even par and then found three birdies on the back nine for a 33.

Aditi Ashok's eventful front-nine 35 matched a steady 35 on her way in for a 70.

Top-10 scores: 65 - Linda Wessberg (Swe); **66** - Anais Meyssonnier (Fra); **67** - Noora Komkulainen (Fin), Amandeep Drall (Ind); **68** - Elin Arvidsson (Swe), Caroline Hedwall (Swe); **69** - Nicole Garcia (RSA), Luna Sobron Galmes (Esp), Ana Pelaez Trivino (Esp) and Tvesa Malik (Ind).

Other leading Indians: 70 - Aditi Ashok; **71** - Gaurika Bishnoi; **72** - Nishtha Madan, Vani Kapoor; **73** - Sehar Atwal, Hitaashee Bakshi Pranavi Urs; Diksha Dagar.